

Youth Dance Internship opportunity

Create Gloucestershire (CG) and Strike A Light (SAL) are looking to recruit a Youth Dance Intern to assist with the practical delivery of the Whole School dance project with RISE Youth Dance. The chosen candidate will have the opportunity to work directly with young people in two Gloucester schools (primary and secondary), support the planning and creative process with RISE Youth Dance, attend live performance events and help in the production of platform events.

This role is a great opportunity for someone looking to work in the dance sector in Gloucestershire, who would like more experience in working in schools, who has an interest in youth dance and has recently completed, or is currently undertaking a dance degree.

This is a paid opportunity and the chosen candidate will work on a freelance basis for approx. 25 days from November 2018 - June 2019, on a weekly basis on Fridays during school term time.

Background to the project

Create Gloucestershire are running a test in 4 pilot schools in Gloucester over 2 years, of a creative based and whole school approach to promote social and emotional wellbeing of children and young people. This is a prevention focused pilot for mental health that will test a wider system and partnership approach. The pilots are co-produced in partnership with pupils, teaching staff, non-teaching staff, governors, parents, VCSE groups and health services. The partnership group consists of Create Gloucestershire (CG), Strike A Light (SAL), Rise Youth Dance, and Art Shape Ltd.

The aim is for this pilot to generate positive health and educational outcomes for participating children and young people and provide wider learning and insights in the following areas:

1. How a creative and asset based approach across a whole school/community culture can support social and emotional well-being and prevent mental health issues escalating.
2. The business model that can sustain and scale a multi-agency investment framework moving forward.
3. How to ensure a better “match” between NHS health care pathways of intervention, treatment and recovery with educational, arts and youth pathways of support and progression

The Whole Schools Social and Emotional Health Programme is funded by Gloucestershire NHS Trust, Gloucestershire County Council, participating schools, Gloucester City Homes and Gloucester’s Great Place project which is supported by the National Lottery through

Arts Council England and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Youth Dance Intern role:

Main areas of the internship

- Assist RISE dance leaders in delivery of weekly sessions, choreographic tasks and performance opportunities
- Commit to sharing the learning from your internship e.g. blog, reflection log
- Help in the documentation of the project in 2 schools
- Support monitoring and administrative tasks as required by SAL and CG
- Be a positive role model for the young people and represent Create Glos and Strike A Light at each participating school

Person Specification

Essential

1. Experience of working in dance, either formally or informally, over the past two years
2. Strong interest in a career in the dance and creative sector in Gloucestershire
3. Knowledge of and an interest in youth dance and working with young people
4. Basic computer skills, such as word processing and email
5. Understanding of current online social networks
6. Good communication skills, both written and verbal
7. Interest in marketing and publicity and in sharing the learning from your internship
8. Ability to work in a small team and on own initiative
9. Eligibility to work in the UK
10. Be available to work on Fridays term-time on a weekly basis over approx. 8 months

Desirable

1. Dance qualification to degree level or relevant training
2. Any experience in organising arts activities or mixed media events

3. Understanding of value of health and well-being in an arts context
4. Knowledge of the arts in Gloucestershire and the links to local communities
5. Interest in digital arts practice
6. Choreographic skills

Partners

Create Gloucestershire (CG) is an umbrella network that supports the arts and cultural sector in Gloucestershire and introduces new people and places to arts, culture and creativity. Create Gloucestershire is made up of a 600+ strong, and growing, network from across the arts and cultural sector; together with a range of strategic partners from across different sectors we think, research, test and share ideas to encourage arts to become “everyday” in Gloucestershire. CG is committed to ensuring everyone has access to the arts, support people who are starting out and helping them to achieve their ambitions. www.creategloucestershire.co.uk

We are able to offer:

- Become part of the Create Gloucestershire network – access to training, job opportunities and promote what you do
- Signposting to other creative organisations in Glos
- Involvement in other CG test projects e.g. Art of Libraries

Strike A Light (SAL) is a Gloucester based organisation striving to make Gloucester a city with a vibrant culture for all. We programme and produce contemporary performances in theatre and dance throughout the year including two festivals of work; we produce and support emerging artists through our Artist Support Programme; and we offer year-round programme of workshops and courses to young people across the city.

<http://www.strikealightfestival.org.uk>

We are able to offer:

- free tickets to dance shows as part of programme of contemporary performances
- signposting to opportunities that may come via SAL. This could include artist support, CPD workshops etc.
- professional development opportunities through professional companies that may be part of SAL’s performance programme.

RISE Youth Dance is a Bristol based youth dance company providing citywide training, access and progression for young dancers. RISE aims to build aspiration and skills for members through dance in classes, performances and teaching, through rigorous training, visiting artists, intensives and relationships with partner dance organisations. The Company is recognised nationally as an excellent training

ground for young dancers, and has been selected for U.Dance, the National Youth Dance Festival three times.

<http://www.riseyouthdance.com/>

We are able to offer:

- Be part of more informal CPD with class teachers within lessons and more formal twilight training for a wider cohort of primary and secondary teachers

Terms of contract

A Contractor agreement will be offered on a freelance basis to include the following terms:

This is a fixed term contract for a period of 8 months running November 2018 – June 2019.

Fee: £1,800 to include travel, expenses and DBS check (if needed). The fee will be for approximately 25 days. A day is estimated at 7.5 hours work. Invoices for days worked can be submitted at the end of each calendar month and will be paid within 14 days, as per contractor agreement.

Hours: Dance sessions will take place in schools on a Friday, from 9.15am – 4.15pm with set up and briefing time to be agreed with RISE Youth Dance.

The Intern will be responsible for their own tax and national insurance contributions. Advice can be provided on how to become self-employed, if required.

Responsible to: Daniel Cooley, Participation Producer – Strike A Light who will manage the role and Louise Bardgett, Programme Manager – Create Glos who will oversee the role and the Whole School programme.

Partners: The Dance Intern will be managed by Strike A Light, with support from Create Gloucestershire and RISE Youth Dance. The partners will provide support, mentoring and training to the successful candidate.

Location: Ability to travel to schools in Gloucester.

Other: The successful person should have the right to work in the UK and have:

- an adequate policy of insurance with reputable insurers to cover liability in respect of any act, neglect or default in the provision of the Services, and employer's and public liability.
- a current Enhanced DBS check.

In the absence of this documentation, the successful person will need to be willing to apply for them - SAL and CG can provide advice on how to do this if necessary.

6.0 How to apply

Please send a CV along with an Expression of Interest (maximum 2 sides of A4 sides) to

include the following information:

1. What involvement do you currently have with the creative sector, through education, clubs or voluntary activities
2. What excites you about your work?
3. Why do you think you are the person we are looking for to undertake the internship?
4. What do you envisage to be the challenges of doing this work?
5. Confirmation of your employment status and if you are registered as self-employed, if you have the right to work in the UK and whether you hold/are willing to buy suitable insurance.
6. Availability to work on Fridays during term time
7. Availability to attend an informal interview on Wednesday 14 November

Timescale

Deadline for application: Friday 9 November, 10am

Proposed interview date: Wednesday 14 November

Please send your CV, Expression of Interest and Equal Opps monitoring form by email to: louise@creategloucestershire.co.uk

This information is available as a summary. It can be made also be made available in alternative formats, such as in Braille or audio recording, on request.

CG and SAL recognise that there are people whose background and experience is under represented within the creative and cultural sector, both in Gloucestershire and nationally, including women, Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic people, disabled people and people who are deaf and neurodiverse.

We believe that discrimination or exclusion based on these, or other characteristics or circumstances, such as age, caring or dependency roles, gender or gender equality, partnership status, religious belief, sexual orientation, socio-economic background or other distinctions represents a waste of talent and potential.

Please let us know if you have any particular requirements for the interview day.

We would also be grateful if you could complete and return the attached equal opportunities monitoring form with your application.