

The Gaiety Theatre is searching for a new Creative Engagement Director...

... and we wonder if it might be you?

It could be - if you are well-networked, creative, visionary and practical. For example, you might be a creative producer, a writer, a director or a performer. The role is full-time but could also be split – either as a job share or with someone who would cover the organisational and administrative side. And because this is such a broad specification, we are not looking for applications – but a short expression of interest and an initial chat by phone or Zoom.

A bit more detail...

Ayr Gaiety Partnership is the charity and social enterprise that runs The Gaiety Theatre and leads Creative Engagement work across South Ayrshire and beyond. We are committed to engaging with local communities, making art accessible to all, and supporting and championing local artists.

Our Creative Engagement work is fundamental to our mission. Its goal is to involve people in our communities in creating and participating in stories that are locally situated but often with wider resonance. We do this by involving outstanding artists (not only from the performing arts) working in and with neighbourhoods to truly co-create. Sometimes this work goes no further than a room or even a beach. Other times it turns into a performance or sharing in the community. And on other occasions, it becomes work with a wider audience – locally, nationally, and beyond.

In the mix are youth theatre and work in schools as well as outside and site-specific work, community initiatives and wider engagement, along with new production and digital work. The key for us is a commitment to artistic excellence that should drive all this activity. And our aspiration (which we've already achieved in part) is to demonstrate just how powerful and important this sort of work is – in creating (performing) art that appeals and reaches well beyond the current theatre audience.

This role has been created and filled by a couple of theatre-makers, Robbie Gordon and Jack Nurse – who will stay around on an associate basis but have other things they want to pursue. The team includes full-time and freelance staff, and a lot of the community-based work is now well established. We now need someone who can provide leadership and practical support for the Creative Engagement Coordinator and freelance team while creating new strategic directions, spotting opportunities and initiating new work.

We are looking for someone – or more than one person – who can invest energy and drive, with a focus on developing people, to help us create something even more special than we have managed so far.

We expect to pay around £30,000 to £40,000 for a full-time post-holder, and we can be flexible with this.

Get in touch

If you think this might be you, drop me a line for an initial chat. jeremy.wyatt@ayrgaiety.co.uk

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