

Creative Engagement Facilitator Post 1

Ayr North Project – Gaiety Young Start

P/T Post 1 – Creative Engagement Facilitator Lead Ayr North Project (2 days a week)
Salary: £25,000 per annum (£10,920 pro rata for 15 hours per week)

This is a three-year funded post. (We would hope to extend this post after the three years.)

An opportunity for the right person to work in an ever changing and exciting creative environment.

We are looking for a creative facilitator who will establish a sustainable and exciting after schools programme aimed at improving opportunities for children and young people in Ayr North .

You will work with P6 aged pupils and members of the community and allow them to create, plan and lead drama classes for younger students, fostering peer-to-peer education. And to create a lasting drama resource to be used by community groups across Ayrshire and further.

The project will provide a safe, creative, and engaging after-school space where young people can take part in a variety of creative classes.

This will be a Youth lead project and we are looking for someone who has experience of facilitating this type of work.

You will also spend part of your week in our Creative Engagement hub bringing the young people's ideas together and developing the drama resource alongside the Creative Engagement team, our Youth board and community representatives.

This is a new role and there will the chance for you to develop it and create lots of new ideas.

We are keen to hear from people who would love to be part of this environment and want to help achieve our goals of engaging younger audiences, inspiring creativity, reducing isolation and loneliness and improving mental health and life aspirations.

Success will mean:

- ☐ The Young people involved feel they have actively participated and achieved something special.
- ☐ The participants will gain confidence, collaboration and teamwork skills that will prepare them for the challenges of teenage life and secondary school.
- ☐ A new resource is developed that will benefit the whole community
- ☐ The Young people when they move onto P7 will become peer mentors and will teach the new P6's how to lead the project, creating a sustainable project.

Key tasks

Running after school workshops	Create and run workshops that will allow the participants to learn new theatre skills.
Oversee the workshops devised and developed by participants	Work with the participants to devise and lead drama workshops for P2 aged children.
Develop Drama resource	Using the participants' ideas to create a lasting drama resource that will be used in the community.

Person Specification

Essential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of leading creative workshops with young people in an out-of-school setting • Experience of writing drama resources • Able to use your own initiative • Basic Admin skills • Creative thinker • Fun and outgoing personality • Excellent time management skills and the ability to prioritise work • PVG membership (we will put you through this if you are not already a member)
Desirable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous professional development • First aid trained • Driving license

The organisation

Ayr Gaiety Partnership is the charity and social enterprise that runs The Gaiety Theatre and an increasing range of producing, touring and creative engagement activity. While the theatre itself is 120 years old, the organisation has been going a little over a decade – reopening the theatre ten years ago. The organisation sprang originally from the Ayr based Borderline Theatre Company and individuals in the local community. So, we have always aspired to be much more than just a theatre building, with community-based activity very much part of what we do.

Our Creative Engagement department run - Gaiety 2. A Creative engagement venue just around the corner from our main Theatre. It is a community hub filled with classes and events for all ages allowing them to actively participate in the creative arts.

This new space will allow us to progress our community engagement work even further.

Application process

Please apply with cv and covering letter, by email to the Recruitment@ayrgaiety.co.uk **by midnight on Monday 11th August** (We hope to hold interviews in the following week. If you'd like to discuss the post, please contact Head Of Creative Engagement Jacquii Gavigan, by email jacqui.gavigan@ayrgaiety.co.uk to fix up a phone call.

We believe that having people with different experience and interests makes a vibrant workplace. We welcome applications from people of all backgrounds. And we are of course an Equal Opportunities employer. (So, we also ask you to complete and return an equal opportunities form.)