

CALL-OUT FOR...

EARLY YEARS / FAMILIES THEATRE PRACTITIONER / COMPANY

The Exeter Northcott seeks an experienced theatre practitioner or theatre company with whom to co-develop and run a pilot series of creative sessions for early years / families, provisionally entitled ***Adventure Hour***.

Background

The Exeter Northcott Theatre is currently expanding the reach and focus of our community engagement work. We want to reach a wider range of people and groups, and to offer all of our communities in and around the city the opportunity to experience and engage with creativity on their own doorsteps.

As part of this programme, we want to design and run a series of pilot sessions for family groups.

About the pilot

Our aim for this pilot is to trial delivering sessions for 3 different age groups, in 3 different locations.

The sessions will be situated in three different areas of the city and take place in a range of locations. These locations are TBC – but are likely to be one suburban, one city centre, and one outdoors.

We aim to work with 3 different age groups (1 per area). These will be: families with babies / toddlers; with 5 – 7 year-olds; and with 8 – 11 year-olds.

Based on the learnings from the pilot sessions, we then hope to design a regular programme of creative sessions for early years and families.

Who we are looking for

We are looking for an experienced drama / theatre practitioner or theatre company, who specialise in working with early years and families.

Although not a requirement of the role, we envisage this being a paired delivery model, with two practitioners in the room for each session.

The successful candidate(s) will have a proven track record of delivering stimulating, enjoyable and successful creative sessions for this target group, including in non-theatre spaces.

We will be working closely with referring agencies to help us reach a wider and more diverse range of families, particularly those who would not usually engage with Northcott activities. Some of these families may be facing a number of challenges. We seek a practitioner who is skilled, experienced, and comfortable working with, supporting and engaging families and children from a wide range of backgrounds, and with a variety of needs.

They will be aware of and committed to creating an inclusive, accessible space for both the children and their grown-ups, including participants with sensory, behavioural and additional needs, and those new to creativity.

They will bring with them a wide range of creative tools and be comfortable working with more than one creative medium (eg. craft, music, stories).

We encourage individuals from all backgrounds to apply.

Here's the commitment we're looking for

The successful candidate(s) will work with our Projects and Participation team to explore ambitions and design the content of the pilot programme.

They will be responsible for delivering 12 x creative sessions for families, including planning and preparing session resources. The 12 sessions

will be comprised of: 3 groups x 4 sessions of 1 - 1.5 hrs each. The fourth session for each group will be an evaluation / reflection focus group session.

The practitioner / company will participate in the evaluation of the pilot programme, including summarising key learnings verbally and in writing.

They will participate in follow-up meetings and will have an important role in advising us on the next stage of the process (a regular programme).

We will expect the practitioner / company to adhere to all safeguarding, equality and data protection policies. They will monitor participant wellbeing, keep good records of sessions, and liaise with our Community Engagement Producer, addressing any issues which may arise.

Our Producing team will provide support with management / logistics, so that the practitioner(s) / company can focus on the delivery aspects of the role.

Time commitment and fee

We have a fixed fee of £2,040 available for this work, inclusive of any travel / other expenses. This has been calculated as follows:

Delivery

12 sessions x 2 hours (comprised of 1 – 1.5 hrs delivery plus half an hour prep / evaluation time)

At a rate of £30 / hr, for 2 practitioners = £1,440

Planning and evaluation time

3 days of planning / evaluation time x 2 practitioners = 6 days

At a rate of £100 / day per person = £600

Total fee: £2,040

Provisional timeline

We would like to complete delivery over the summer holidays. However, there is some flexibility depending on the availability of the successful candidate.

How to apply

We are aware of current pressures on artists, so want to keep this simple.

Please submit the following through our online portal:

An up-to-date CV, focused on your work with early years and families

A short statement (max 500 words) outlining your suitability for and interest in the role

OR: A short video or audio file answering the same (5 mins max)

Accessible applications

If none of the methods indicated above are accessible for you, please get in touch with us to discuss how you could make your best application: jobs@exeternorthcott.co.uk. We are keen to hear from you!

Closing date for applications: Monday 7th June, 9 am

Next stage

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to interview.

You will be asked to prepare a short presentation, outlining your approach to the pilot programme.

Got questions?

For an informal chat about the role, please contact Community Engagement Producer Nicole Redfern on n.redfern2@exeter.ac.uk.