



GOSH Arts : Open Call for Poet in Residence

Introduction to GOSH Arts

GOSH Arts, the Arts Programme at Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) runs a participatory on site programme of creative activities and events for children, families and staff and commissions site specific art and design for GOSH buildings. We provide unique opportunities that reflect the diversity of GOSH patients, visitors and staff and work with skilled artists and high profile cultural partners to inspire creativity and learning.

For more information on GOSH Arts please visit www.gosh.nhs.uk/parents-and-visitors/gosh-arts

Poet in Residence at GOSH

We are recruiting for the freelance role of poet in residence at GOSH to lead weekly, half day sessions with patients and families in outpatient clinics and inpatient wards over the period of 1 year, with the possibility of extending to 2 years.

The chosen poet will have some flexibility to choose the half day they work at GOSH. The day must be the same each week, between the hours of 09:30am – 1:00pm or 1:30 – 5:00pm and must work around the current programme schedule.

Fees are paid at £210 per day or £115 per half day. Planning is paid in addition to delivery.

Main duties include

- Planning and leading participatory workshops/sessions in inpatient and outpatient wards
- Collecting feedback during sessions
- Participating in planning and evaluation meetings with the wider artist in residence team
- Acting as a representative of GOSH Arts whilst at the hospital

Successful candidates will be required to

- Complete an enhanced DBS check
- Complete Occupational Health screening
- Undertake a hospital induction
- Wear an ID badge and GOSH Arts T-shirt

Person specification

Essential

At least 3 years of experience of working in participatory contexts

Evidence of a dynamic and inclusive practice

The ability to support vulnerable young people and children

The ability to work independently in a busy environment

Empathetic and sensitive to the hospital environment but with the ability to maintain professional boundaries and adhere to patient confidentiality requirements

The ability to be flexible and reactive to situations

Excellent communication and interpersonal skills and the ability to relate to people from different backgrounds

Desirable

Experience of working in a healthcare setting

Experience of working with children and young people in 1:1 settings

Experience of working with other artists using a range of art forms

Experience of working with a range of organisations and stakeholders

To apply

To apply please send the following to gosharts@gosh.nhs.uk

- A cover letter of no more than 1 A4 page outlining how you meet the person specification and why you are interested in working with GOSH Arts
- An up-to-date C.V.
- 3 – 6 examples of your work
- Contact details for 2 referees

Deadlines

Closing date: 12 February

Shortlist confirmed: 19 February

Interviews: Week commencing 5 March

Start date: Week commencing 16 April