

## Freelance Youth Support Worker for Circus Project

- Application closing date: Sunday 9th June 2024
- Interviews: Thursday 13th June 2024
- Location: South London Anerley, Penge, Sydenham
- Freelance: up to 8 hours per week at £18 per hour, estimated 44 weeks of the year

Are you interested in the benefits that performing arts, gymnastics, or sport can bring to young people? Do you have experience of working with young people in community, youth, or school settings? If so, this role could be for you!

Invisible Palace is currently looking for a Youth Support Worker to join an established circus project that works with local a primary school and youth partners in the Bromley and Lewisham areas of London.

Your experience does not necessarily need to be in a school or youth work setting, but could be working or volunteering in youth groups, sports coaching, after school clubs or the care sector.

You will need to have availability during late afternoon and early evening and during school holidays, these are the times when activities on the circus programme take place.

### Job Description - Freelance Youth Support Worker

- Available after school, early evening, and school holidays.
- Attend after school club sessions periodically to understand the needs of participants and support participation in the wider circus programme, currently Wednesday evenings 10 weeks per term.
- Attend taster sessions for youth groups to understand the needs of participants and support participation in the wider circus programme, usually afternoon sessions during half term or summer holidays.
- Have a supportive and encouraging attitude, to inspire trust and good communication with young people and families.
- Identify needs of young people and support those needs to minimise barriers to participation in the circus programme.
- Provide guidance, mentorship, and support to young people as they navigate challenges and pursue their goals within the programme.
- Support young people directly with travel to and from sessions at local circus school using bus, taxi, or with volunteer drivers. Usually early evenings.
- Support young people with additional behavioural needs during sessions this may involve attending after school session more frequently.
- Work closely with colleagues from Invisible Palace and partner organisations to support good and clear communication for the benefit of young people taking part in activities.
- Enhanced Child Workforce DBS will be undertaken for successful candidate.
- Freelance contract of up to 8 hours per week at £18 per hour for an estimated 44 weeks of the year.

## About You - Freelance Youth Support Worker

- Previous experience working with children and young people in school, youth work, sports, or care settings.
- Previous experience of working with children and young people to help them achieve their goals.
- An understanding of barriers to participation in extracurricular activity that children or young people might face.
- Good team working, communication, and appropriate sharing of information.
- Ability to communicate with families as required.
- Able to demonstrate an understanding of safeguarding with previous experience of working to safeguarding policies.
- Able to demonstrate an understanding of health and safety with previous experience of working to risk assessments.
- Ability to navigate bus transport in Anerley, Penge, and Sydenham while accompanying young people to circus sessions.
- Confident to travel by taxi or with volunteer drivers while accompanying children.
- Previous experience supporting young people with additional behavioural needs would be an advantage.

## About Project – Defy Gravity Circus Project

- Providing high quality in school and extracurricular activity that builds physical and social skills as well as confidence.
- Working with local partners including a school, youth groups, and a professional circus school.
- 30 after school sessions per year.
- Up to 4 youth group taster sessions.
- 4-week in school intensive programme.
- Up to 18 children aged between 8 and 16 able to take up sessions directly at the circus school.

## About Invisible Palace – Arts and heritage charity

- Inviting people to come together through shared interests for collective activity.
- Taking an equitable approach to access and inclusion.
- Emphasis on experiential learning inspired by the history of the local area.
- Currently three strands of work heritage, gardening, and circus.
- Delivering creative activities with a range of local communities for over 8 years.
- Small supportive team.

For more information about Invisible Palace <https://invisiblepalace.org.uk>

To apply please send a covering letter by email saying how your skills relate to the **Job Description** and **About You** sections above. Please attach an up to date CV.

**Applications to [info@invisiblepalace.org.uk](mailto:info@invisiblepalace.org.uk)**

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