



ArtsLink

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JOB TITLE

Art Support Worker – ArtsLink Fizz! Project – Self-Employed

ARTSLINK FIZZ!

Funded by the National Lottery, ArtsLink Fizz! is a Sherborne based Art for Wellbeing project and is part of Sherborne ArtsLink. Offering a series of free social and creative weekly activities in Sherborne and the surrounding villages, ArtsLink Fizz! is tasked with helping people to manage their conditions and improve their lives and prospects through support and creativity.

Art for Parents is our term time only group that supports parents and carers of primary age children who are experiencing difficulties and challenges in their lives, whatever the reason. Our aim is for parents to feel less isolated and have improved coping strategies as a result of participation in these social art and craft activities. Each week new and sometimes challenging art techniques are enjoyed while the group itself helps provide support and friendship – excellent cake is always available!

Art for Memory is for people experiencing early stages of memory loss, whatever the reason. Run by an experienced tutor, each week new creative skills are enjoyed including different methods of printmaking, watercolour painting, clay work and collage. Painting to music is a regular favourite and just as important as the art activity itself, we always have time for tea, coffee, biscuits and a jolly good chat!

Celebrating the Arts is our annual one day event recognizing the creativity of all our participants and celebrating their achievements. Offering workshops, demonstrations and an exhibition of participants' work this is a fantastic opportunity for friends, family and the wider community to experience all that we offer.

Parkinson's Dance is our weekly dance class for people experiencing the challenges of living with Parkinson's (no Support Worker required).

We are looking for one or more self-employed Art Support Workers to join our project with funding in place until April 2021- this post is subject to the continuation of the project within that time.

ArtsLink Fizz! undertakes work with vulnerable adults and therefore this post is subject to satisfactory completion of a Disclosure and Barring Service clearance.

The post is offered on a self-employed, freelance basis. The successful applicant will be responsible for their own Tax and National Insurance payments and evidence of Public Liability Insurance will be required. If you have any queries please contact us for an informal chat before completing your application form.

Sherborne ArtsLink is an equal opportunities employer, who is actively seeking to employ people currently under-represented in the creative and cultural sector. This includes young people, ethnic minorities and people with disabilities.

Sherborne ArtsLink passionately believes that engagement in creative activities has a positive effect on communities. Research shows that participation in cultural and creative activities generates improvements to personal well-being, enhances self-esteem, builds confidence and instills a deep rooted sense of belonging and community. Undertaking creative activities helps to improve the quality of people's lives, celebrates their talents, provides a positive way of enhancing their future prospects and improves community cohesion. ArtsLink encourages all sectors of the community to participate in creative activities.

POSITION IN ORGANISATION

Reports To: ArtsLink Fizz! Project Manager

DUTIES AND KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

As Support Worker for ArtsLink Fizz! you will attend the project each week and support the tutor to facilitate the group. In discussion with the tutor you will assist in pre and post class setting up of equipment and materials and will take part in the activity with your focus being to provide friendly support to group members.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- To provide support to the tutor and members of our ArtsLink Fizz! project.
- To ensure that participants feel welcome, are able to actively engage in activities and have any individual support needs met.
- To facilitate the group in an emergency if the tutor is delayed or unable to attend.
- Record attendance and complete course paperwork.
- Be responsible for buying milk and delicious biscuits or cakes each week (you will be reimbursed).
- Key collection to access venue as required.
- Some hours may be required outside the project session times to attend planning and evaluation meetings.

HOURS, PAY AND PLACE OF WORK

This post is paid at £10 p/hr with actual hours dependent on project, typically 2.5hrs per session per week, average 30 weeks per year. Projects are located either in Sherborne or the surrounding villages.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

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SKILLS AND ABILITIES	Have excellent listening skills and be able to listen without judgment. Be aware of group confidentiality - Maintain and hold any confidences given within the group, discuss any concerns with tutor or line manager as appropriate. Be well organised. Have a passion for creativity and a desire to share this.
EXPERIENCE	Experience of working with vulnerable adults desirable but not essential. Experience of supporting and motivating people. A background or interest in creativity.
KNOWLEDGE	Knowledge of supporting people who are experiencing mental health issues, memory loss, living with abuse or need extra support is desirable. Knowledge of art activities is desirable, enthusiasm to join in is essential.
PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS	Able to travel to venue and be punctual. Be a good team worker demonstrating loyalty and commitment to the group participants and the project. Friendly, outgoing and sociable. Be an excellent judge of cake!

TO APPLY

Please email artslinkfizz@gmail.com for an application form or download it from our website.

Deadline for completed applications is midnight Monday 15th October

You are very welcome to ring for an informal chat about this post: 01935 815899

Please see our website www.sherborneartslink.org.uk for further information.

