



Freelance Drama Assistant

We are looking to widen our pool of drama facilitators to support our Saturday morning drama sessions in East Sheen.

About Knots Arts

Our mission is to create inclusive, friendly and fun sessions where children and young people feel safe and supported to develop their communication skills and build friendships. By meeting others who understand the challenges that social communication difficulties can bring, children are able to work together to embrace their differences and overcome any obstacles that they may present.

Our groups use drama and art to support children and young people with social communication difficulties. We work with a wide variety of children and young people, and embrace the spectrum of talents and interests that our group members bring to Knots Arts.

About our drama sessions

Knots Arts drama sessions run in East Sheen and are an exciting place for children aged 4 – 16 years old with social communication difficulties to come and make new friends whilst having fun.

Drama sessions consist of games and activities which are designed to support the development of team working, processing and understanding and speech and language. Each session begins with a sharing of news from our week, followed by drama games appropriate to the ability of the group and culminating in a drama activity such as story-telling, physical theatre or improvisation.

Job description:

The post holder will:

- Support the Drama Leader in the delivery of hour long drama sessions in a sensitive and inclusive manner.
- Support the Drama Leader with the planning of the sessions as and where necessary.
- Model positive behaviour with an enthusiastic and encouraging manner.
- Step in to leader parts of the session should the Drama Leader need to deal with an incident or speak with a parent during the session.
- Help new volunteers to understand and support the individual needs of each child during sessions.
- Attend termly staff and volunteer meetings and training as required.

Personal specification:*Essential*

Candidates must:

- Have a willingness and enthusiasm for working with children in a drama based capacity.
- Understand the additional needs associated with working with neurodiverse children/children with social communication difficulties.
- Be organised and punctual
- Be willing to support the Drama Leader in giving brief verbal feedback to parents at the end of sessions as necessary.
- Be willing to undergo an enhanced DBS check for Knots Arts.

Desirable

- Have some previous experience of working with neurodiverse children or those with other learning or social communication difficulties.
- Have the confidence and ability to lead sessions in the absence of the Drama Leader.
- Have a drama or performing arts background.

Hours of work: 9am – 1.30pm Saturday mornings (term time only)

Rate of pay: £15 per hour

(please note that this position is offered on a freelance basis and the post holder is responsible for payment of their own tax and national insurance)

Location: All Saints Church Hall, 63 E Sheen Ave, London SW14 8AT

Application deadline: 1st April 2022

Start date: 23rd April 2022 (flexible)

To apply: We want to make our application process as inclusive as possible, and are particularly keen to hear from applicants who have lived experience of neurodiversity.

To apply please choose **one** of the following options:

- Send a CV and a short covering letter telling us how you meet the points of the personal specification above to hello@knotsarts.com
- Record a short video of yourself talking about why you think you'd be good for this role and email to hello@knotsarts.com
- Send us a link to a professional website/social media page that showcases who you are and what you do and send it to hello@knotsarts.com

We will notify all candidates whether they have been invited to interview or not by 8th April 2022.

Interviews will take place week commencing 11th April.