

The Future is Us Creative Facilitator Role Description

Role title:	Lead creative facilitator
Reports to:	Project Producer
Contract:	Freelance contract
Fee:	£6,400 for 32 days @£200/day
Hours:	Days worked flexibly March – June 2022
Place of work:	This is a freelance role and will consist of agile, flexible working. Your principal base will be the Melville Arts Centre in Abergavenny and delivery in schools and community settings. Administrative systems and organisational support will be through the Borough Theatre.

Purpose of role:

The Future is Us is an ambitious R & D project based in Abergavenny and North Monmouth. Delivered in partnership between The Borough Theatre and the Melville Theatre, the project aims to connect with and capture the creative spirit of young people in the area. Through partnership and consortium working, we want to put young people at the centre of the project design and development.

The project is intended to bring together North Monmouthshire youth to voice their perspectives, to identify their shared experiences and concerns and work on ideas for the future. The project promotes ownership of individual opinions/views and shared creativity.

We are seeking 3 x Creative Facilitators to take a role in facilitating workshops and performances which has young people at its very heart. We are interested in hearing from creative facilitators from a range of art forms for example Music, Theatre, Visual arts, Film & Digital technologies, Dance. We are looking for creative practitioners who are used to devise work in collaboration with young people, working in a range of settings, from schools to community groups. The project will culminate in a Youth Arts Festival taking place over the Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend.

There are five phases to the project:

1: Project Development

You will be part of a team who will design and development of the project, working with the larger network of youth and cultural organisations through which young people can, and do, access cultural opportunities from schools to brass bands, youth clubs to scouts and guides, amateur youth choirs to professional dance schools.

2: Engagement

You will design and deliver opportunities such as taster sessions and discussion events and workshops with young people, to attract young people to participate in the project and to identify the themes, issues, and questions that the project will explore and the creative skills, media, and platforms the participants wish to explore them with.

3: Exploration

You will devise, support, and initiate activity that builds creative industry skills, that allows reflection, exploration, analysis and comment on subjects and themes identified in the previous phase.

4: Coming Together

The work will culminate in a Youth Arts Festival, taking place over the Jubilee Bank Holiday Weekend (2nd to 5th June 2022) You will devise and organise frameworks and events to showcase the skills, cultural activity and aspirations of the young people. Shaped by the project process the format may be a mini arts festival, a series of performances or exhibitions, a local youth conference, a take over town event or arts activity weekend.

5: Evaluation

As a creative facilitator, you will be expected to engage with and feed into the evaluation process of the project.

Key tasks & responsibilities:

- As part of a team, to design the programme of work, taking special care to include opportunities to connect with and devise new work in close collaboration with young people in the area.
- Deliver a programme of arts activity in schools and community settings
- In collaboration with the Project Producer and working as part of a team of Creative Facilitators, to plan for, work towards and deliver a Youth Arts Festival in June 2022
- To work effectively to communicate with Project Producer and other members of the team, through regular updates and meetings
- To adhere to Monmouthshire County Council policies as necessary

Essential Criteria:

- A proven track record of delivering high quality inclusive youth arts and participant focussed projects.
- A creative force, keen to enable others to access the creativity within them and willing to mentor the next generation of artists.
- Ability to listen to and engage with young people in creative ways.
- Experience in and broad understanding of and commitment to voluntary and amateur cultural activity
- Knowledge and experience of the Welsh arts/cultural sector and infrastructure
- Documented experience in delivering workshops and facilitating the creative process in a flexible, agile manner
- Mobility to travel around North Monmouthshire
- Willingness to work weekends and evenings when necessary
- Knowledge of and ability to work within existing safeguarding policies and procedures
- A current DBS check

Desirable Criteria:

- The ability to speak and communicate in the Welsh Language

How to Apply:

Please read the role description and person specification below and send you CV and covering letter telling us why the role is of interest to you and how your skills match what we are looking for.

Send everything to Project Producer: asa.malmsten@coachcreate.co.uk

The deadline for submission of applications is 12.00 noon on Monday 7th February 2022.

Interviews will take place on Tuesday the 18th February 2022.

We are looking to complete the recruitment process by the 25th February, with a view of having Creative Facilitators in place from March 2022.

If you have any special access requirements to enable you to apply for this role, please let us know by emailing Project Producer: asa.malmsten@coachcreate.co.uk