**YOUTH THEATRE DIRECTOR - JOB DESCRIPTION**

Job Title: Youth Theatre Director

Reporting to: Programming & Partnership Producer

Responsible for: Youth Theatre Assistants, Future Arts Leaders, Freelance Practitioners

Salary: £35 per hour

Hours: As per letter of agreement, and within Working Time Regulations as standard. Days of work will be Tuesday evening and Saturday afternoon during term time. Occasional weekend work also required around Auditions & Sharing Event weeks.

Notice Period: 2 Months

Job Purpose: To inspire the next generation of young theatre and culture makers in Bedford through the delivery of a new Youth Theatre programme that provides children and young people with the right environment to develop their creative expression and grow as active members of our society.

Main Duties: To oversee BRAVE, the Place's new youth theatre offer for 7 to 16yr olds.

To devise and deliver weekly skills & development sessions that enable participants to express their identity, articulate their perspective, and increase the skillset relevant to a career in performing arts and/or community engagement.

To devise, direct and produce sharings, events and performances that showcase the individual growth and creative achievements of participants in agreement with the Programming & Partnerships Producer.

To ensure the provision of appropriate Pastoral Care for relevant participants and maintain best practice in regard to Safeguarding and the management of good conduct and behaviour.

To uphold the standards and expectations that best reflect our aim to provide a truly inclusive youth theatre that reflects the makeup of the constituency we serve.

To steer the implementation and establishment of BRAVE as a fundamental contribution to the provision for creative young people in Bedford and beyond.

To support the Programming & Partnerships Producer with mentoring of the Future Arts Leaders (FAL) who assist session delivery, and support their development as practitioners through the provision of targeted advice and guidance.

To connect BRAVE to relevant opportunities and partnerships on a local, regional and national level where appropriate.

With support from the Administrative Assistant, to maintain strong relationship with parents/carers/supporters to ensure that they are connected to our ongoing fundraising needs and the continued growth of our audiences.

General: Support monitoring & evaluation for both quantitive/qualitative reporting.

To undertake training as required.

Limited attendance at shared planning sessions.

This role is subject to an Enhanced Check from the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS).

**YOUTH THEATRE DIRECTOR - PERSON SPECIFICATION**

Essential:

* A passion for storytelling and the performing arts.
* A proven commitment to the creative develop of children and young people.
* A professional understanding of the performing arts and community engagement sector.
* Experience in devising and delivering a wide variety of workshops.
* A playful approach to participation that positions the contribution of participants at the centre of the decision making across all interaction.
* Confident approach to safeguarding practice, and child protection procedures.
* An ability to devise and direct a wide range of content relevant to the development of young theatre makers.
* Skilled mentor with the ability to support and enable both the assistants and participants to pursue their ambitions.
* An approachable demeanour and care focused practice that ensures that what we deliver feels different to 'school' and provides an environment for growth and play.
* Willingness to undertake any necessary training.

Desirable:

* Knowledge of the performing arts and community engagement offer locally.
* Breadth of professional experience in the sector.
* Understanding of progression opportunities relevant to the development of creative children and young people.
* Willingness to support the wider programme of work in the organisation.
* First Aid certificate (or willingness to train).