

## SCOTTISH YOUTH THEATRE

### Youth Support Worker

Scottish Youth Theatre is seeking an experienced youth worker to support children and young people with additional needs who participate in our Weekly Workshop programme

**Time commitment:** 10 Saturdays per term, 9:30am- 4pm  
Term 2: January - March 2019



**Fee per term:** £13 per hour  
(offered on a freelance contract, renewable each term)

SYT's mission is to unlock the creative energies of young people in Scotland through theatre. SYT's artistic ambition is to cultivate the next generation of Scottish theatre makers, innovators and activists; inspiring them to experiment, take risks; to discuss and debate; to question and be questioned; to challenge and be challenged; to learn from their success and failures – to create groundbreaking, life affirming theatre here in Scotland.

This is an exciting opportunity for an experienced Youth Worker to form part of the Weekly Workshop team at Scottish Youth Theatre. The Weekly Workshops focus is on inclusive, enjoyable activities where participants develop their creativity, personal and social skills through the youth theatre process.

You will need to be highly skilled and experienced in supporting a wide age range of children and young people with additional needs. You will support the workshop lead artists as they deliver their classes so familiarity and confidence with drama work will be an advantage.

#### The role requires the Youth Support Worker to:

- Support young people with additional needs to ensure their equal participation
- Support the lead artist and trainee tutors to deliver weekly sessions with a range of groups to develop their skills through enjoyable drama activity
- Contribute to establishing a positive workshop environment that promotes young people's creativity
- Communicate with participants and their parents/carers to understand their additional needs and identify person-centred measures to help support them during workshops
- Regularly communicate with lead artists and the Youth Arts Coordinator to ensure a shared approach in supporting participants
- Undertake required training in areas of Child Protection, Equalities and Health & Safety and contribute to wider skills sharing with the team
- Complete relevant administrative tasks as and when required by the Youth Arts Coordinator

#### Requirements for the role:

- Experience of previous youth work with children and young people with additional needs
- Confident working in an active drama based environment
- Experience of working with children and young people from a variety of backgrounds

- Highly effective communication skills with children, young people, parents /carers and colleagues
- Ability to engage, enthuse and motivate young people
- Confident and flexible in adapting activities and responding to the needs of the group and the individual
- A working understanding of equality and diversity with the ability to challenge discriminatory behaviour
- An effective team player
- Understanding of appropriate Child Protection, Equalities and Health & Safety practice in a learning context
- An understanding of effective and engaging theatre practice with young people would be an advantage
- This position involves regulated work with children and will be subject to a Protection of Vulnerable Groups “PVG” Disclosure check
- You must be available to work every Saturday 12 January - 16 March 2019

**To apply, please send the following information to the Youth Arts Coordinator, Vicky Mohiedden [vicky@scottishyouththeatre.org](mailto:vicky@scottishyouththeatre.org) no later than 10am on Friday 21 December 2018**

- a letter of application detailing how you meet the requirements of the role and your reasons for applying (maximum 2 sides A4, minimum font size pt 11)
- an up to date CV (maximum 4 sides A4)
- the names and contact details of 2 referees

Please send all applications to Vicky, marked **Youth Support Worker**

If you require any further information, please contact [vicky@scottishyouththeatre.org](mailto:vicky@scottishyouththeatre.org) 0141 552 3988