

Job description

Role: Youth Theatre Facilitator

Organisation: Barnstorm Theatre Company

Location: 3 John's Quay, Kilkenny R95 T382

Employment Type: Initially Fixed Term for 1 year, with possibility for extension

About Barnstorm Theatre Company

Founded in Kilkenny in 1991, Barnstorm Theatre Company creates and presents quality theatre for, and with children, young people and adults. We engage the transformative potential of theatre for the benefit of our audiences and communities. We work with people who are committed to a vision that everyone has a right to a cultural identity. People who want to put theatre, audiences and communities at the centre of conversations about the kind of world we want to live in.

Barnstorm Theatre Company

PRESENTS	professional theatre locally, nationally and internationally for children and young people (from 4 years and older), and adults;
RUNS	Barnstorm Youth Theatre for 10-18 yrs. and summer camps 9-15 yrs.;
EXTENDS	the theatre experience with schools and other groups through a Participation & Education programme;
WORKS	with communities, adults and local artists to research, devise and present Community Theatre Projects;
LOOKS	for connections with communities not traditionally theatre-going
SUPPORTS	creatives in Kilkenny and Ireland in providing opportunities for the development of new writing through its New Writing programme with Playwriting Workshops, New Plays for Young Audiences projects, Productions, mentoring and commissions.

The Role

Barnstorm Youth Theatre is looking to recruit a part-time Youth Theatre Facilitator with a passion for providing creative, fun learning environments for young people to develop their skills and grow as individuals.

Successful candidates will be responsible for designing and delivering annual programmes for each group, and to work with members to programme, produce and direct a production during the year. Programmes will be re-commencing in Kilkenny in September 2024.

Currently there are weekly workshops with a Junior (10-12), Middle Group (13 – 15 years) and Senior Group workshop (16 – 18 years) 1.5 – 2 hours each week. Special programmes, theatre visits and other ad-hoc activities may be programmed from time to time and in such cases are provided for separately in addition to the standard contracted hours.

TERMS OF CONTRACT

This position is offered as Contracts for Services for a period of one year, and is subject to funding, health and safety/garda vetting, with an initial probationary period subject to performance.

Pay rates are €60/ hour for standard weekly 1.5- and 2-hour workshops. Workshop preparation, travel to and from workshop venues, set-up and clean-up time is included in this fee.

CANDIDATE PROFILE

Essential

- Passion for and commitment to theatre/ youth theatre and the ability to share this with others.
- Proven experience, ability and enthusiasm for working with young people in a theatre/ drama setting
- Experience of leading programmes of drama workshops built on innovation, skills training and fun.
- A minimum of two years' work experience in theatre/drama or a related field
- Knowledge and understanding of codes of best practice in relation to child protection.

Desirable

- A relevant qualification or background in at least one of the following:
 - Professional Theatre
 - Youth Arts
 - Youth Work with Arts dimension
- Community, Collaborative or Social Practice Arts
- Experience of producing theatre

Personal Attributes

- Commitment to working within an equality framework.
- Understanding of group processes; managing balance between expression and discipline/respect.
- Strong desire to support and empower young people to develop confidence
- Be self-motivated, flexible and able to work on own initiative and as part of a team.

Skills and Abilities:

- Excellent communication skills.
- Ability to engage with young people and to involve them in decision-making.
- Ability to develop positive working relationships with a range of individuals, groups and organisations.
- Good organisational and administrative skills.
- Good level of standard I.T. skills.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants are required to submit:

1. An up-to-date CV including 2 appropriate referees and contact details.
2. A cover letter indicating your own interests and experience in youth theatre and why you believe you are suitable for the role.

Applications are online only at this link - <https://forms.gle/od6K7CpvBeBY7gMn9>

Closing Date for Application – Thursday 27th June 2024, 4pm