



THERAPEUTIC ARTS TRAINEE

Contract: Freelance

Days/hours of work:

- Part-time - minimum of 2 days a week - with the opportunity to extend
- 8.15am - 4.15pm
- Oxford: exact days (Mon-Fri) to be confirmed
- London: exact days (Mon-Fri) to be confirmed

Location: you will work in studios located in schools in the location you apply for.

- Oxford: central (and as we grow, likely to include sites more widely within Oxfordshire)
- London: east and west

Salary: Oxford Living Wage: £105.20 per 8-hr day / London Living Wage: £110.80 per 8-hr day

Holidays: Our studios are open during term-time only, therefore working with children will not be required during the school holidays and you will not be expected to regularly attend schools or to work for the majority of this period. However, we may occasionally require you to undertake some work flexibly during school holidays (e.g. planning and report-writing) or to undertake training with colleagues at a specific time and venue during the school holiday period (notice will be given)

Responsible to: AT The Bus Studio Manager(s)

Start date: As soon as possible

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To work closely with the Facilitator and Studio Manager, supporting them in the day-to-day running of the AT The Bus provision. To develop positive team-working relationships with wider AT The Bus colleagues and volunteers

- To promote the health, safety and wellbeing of students and the AT The Bus team through understanding and actively implementing the AT The Bus safeguarding policy and procedures, in accordance with the host school
- To support the philosophy and methodology of AT The Bus and actively follow and contribute to AT The Bus policies and procedures
- To participate in regular meetings, including team meetings, planning and debriefing as well as school and AT The Bus events as required
- To participate in training sessions, CPD and reflective practice as a core part of the work
- You will be line-managed by the Studio Manager/Area Lead

You will:

- Work under the supervision of the Manager/Lead Facilitator at all times
- Over time you will develop skills and experience with a view to progressing to a Facilitator role
- In the first instance, undertake practical tasks during a session: e.g - preparing art resources, preparing the food
- Work alongside the team washing up and cleaning, helping to maintain a well-organised and stimulating learning environment
- Follow the direction of the Manager: mirroring and supporting the team, working alongside students to encourage independence & self-confidence
- Liaise with the Manager in advance of a session to identify necessary preparation
- Identify issues of concern and give feedback to the Manager
- Provide continuity for our students
- Your Studio Manager and the Training Team are available to support and guide you throughout training and induction
- Work as a member of the team, attending meetings and training as required
- You will be a valued part of the team
- You will attend briefings before and after sessions
- You are encouraged to support students, and to work with a student for a number of weeks to build a trusting relationship under the guidance of the Manager
- Confidentiality must always be maintained outside AT The Bus
- You are required to undertake safeguarding training and to follow agreed safeguarding procedures

You will not be:

- Asked to take full responsibility for a child's welfare or to run sessions

- Left in sole charge of a child at any time

EXPERIENCE REQUIRED:

- An enthusiasm to learn and a willingness to be trained in a new methodology is essential. Some previous experience of supporting children and young people in a relevant setting is an advantage.

PERSON SPECIFICATION:

Ideally you will be able to demonstrate:

- A strong alignment with ATB mission and values and commitment to making a positive difference to children and young people
- A commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion
- Excellent communication and team-working skills
- A kind and empathic manner
- A calm, reliable and consistent approach to work
- A strong interest in learning through art and creativity
- An enthusiasm for continued professional development and learning

For further information about AT The Bus, please visit our website/Instagram.