

## **SPECIALIST SUPPORT WORKER**

Project Art Works is a leading artist-led organisation working with children, young people and adults who have complex needs alongside families, carers and professionals, on a wide range of creative projects. The Parachute Club is a project for young people in need of positive and creative solutions to behaviour support. A team of skilled and experienced artists offers a variety of high quality materials and equipment, which the participants are encouraged to use in exciting and expansive ways.

We are seeking a Specialist Support Worker to support participants and the artist team on The Parachute Club and to assist in facilitating the smooth running of the workshop whilst observing the creative direction initiated by makers and artists within the programme.

### **Outline Job Description**

The specialist support worker will:

- Help preserve the creative environment both physical and socially dynamic, initiated by participants and artists
- Record behaviour (positive breakthroughs & behaviours that challenge) when applicable and support the creation of project documentation
- Assist artists during lunch/participant transition periods
- Support participant personal care TBC / if applicable
- Be aware at all times of participant movements / exits – e.g. risk of absconding
- Contribute to the Planning, evaluation/end-of-day de-brief input
- Assist with workshop preparation, break down and general house keeping throughout the session
- Be aware of and adhere to organisational and individual risk assessments
- Be aware of and adhere to organisational and individual data-protection policies
- Be aware of, create and adhere to, the monitoring of organisational Health and Safety guidelines

### **Personal Specification**

- Understanding and experience of personalised approaches in supporting someone with behaviours that challenge
- A willingness to undergo training and continued professional development
- Honest and trustworthy
- Able to work responsibly with colleagues, Project Art Works team members and other professionals
- Good written and spoken communication skills
- Energetic and quick witted
- Ability to work from own initiative when appropriate
- Sense of humour
- Observant and responsive
- Willingness to learn and to undertake further training
- Able to respect privacy and confidentiality and maintain discretion at all times
- Reliable and responsible
- Flexible approach to working hours and structures
- Computer and IT literate
- Broad and open-minded approach to communication

### **Outline Terms**

- The schedule for working to be arranged with The Parachute Club Coordinators Sara Dare (saradare@projectartworks.org) and Matthew Pitts (matthew@projectartworks.org)
- The Specialist Support Worker will work between the hours of 9.00am – 5.00pm for one day per week
- A fee of £120 is payable as Specialist Support Worker per workshop day
- The Specialist Support Worker is self-employed and responsible for their National Insurance and tax contributions