



Job Title: Assistant Head of Dance

Type of contract: Freelance – 24 weeks

Remuneration: £135 per day, 3 days a week

Location: Homebased, flexible hours/working

About us:

Flamingo Chicks is an inclusive community giving disabled children and those with illnesses such as cancer the opportunity to enjoy ballet and dance alongside their friends. We also provide a vital peer support network for parents and carers, intergenerational volunteering, global outreach and advocacy!

We are a fast growing, responsive, and effective organisation, breaking down the barriers to inclusion through dance. Our advocacy work has taken us around the world, and we actively promote what our children can do. This has resulted in a wonderful community of people across the UK and internationally who are all striving to make this world a more inclusive place.

For more information on Flamingo Chicks, visit:

www.flamingochicks.org | www.facebook.com/flamingochicks |

www.instagram.com/flamingo_chicks | www.twitter.com/FlamingoChicks

The opportunity:

Flamingo Chicks runs regular classes and workshops throughout the UK where children explore the art form of ballet. We are passionate about providing an inclusive, fun and rich dance experience for children, by translating a version of ballet that is accessible to all, regardless of ability. For some of our children, they are able to learn technical movement, such as pirouettes or arabesques, alongside exploring the characters and composers. For others, the focus is a sensory experience enriched with colourful props and magical stories. We ensure that all children can experience the physical and wellbeing benefits of movement and being together with friends.

The main purpose of this role is to assist our Head of Dance in supporting the development of Flamingo Chicks by developing creative, fun and immersive class programmes, establishing new relationships and opportunities with schools and community groups, teaching classes and workshops, and providing guidance and support to other dance teachers.

Our teaching team consists of around 12 freelance dance artists, led by our Head of Dance. Our teachers have a range of backgrounds and experiences across styles of dance and the arts, including drama and storytelling, and they each bring unique talents and skills to their work. We are very much a community where we openly support each other, sharing experiences, exploring practice, and always learning.

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This role is an invaluable opportunity to be part of a unique inclusive and creative community, developing your skills whilst also supporting Flamingo Chicks to make a positive long-term difference to the lives of disabled children and their families.

Duties include:

- To assist the Head of Dance in co-ordinating dance classes including managing bookings, completing required forms and liaising with settings.
- To deliver Flamingo Chicks classes and workshops, as a lead practitioner in the Flamingo Chicks team. Classes range from regular term-time sessions, to holiday clubs and one-off taster workshops.
- To contribute to the production and maintenance of the Flamingo Chicks Teaching Handbook and the monitoring and review of teaching policies and documentation
- Assisting the Head of Dance in supporting dance teachers in their roles, including training and development;
- To develop class plans and choreography for each term, alongside the Head of Dance, which can be disseminated to all teachers;
- Jointly with the Volunteer Manager ensure all teachers and classes are supported by sufficient numbers of suitably experienced volunteers;
- To coordinate special experiences and trips for classes you teach;
- To work with schools, care providers and other organisations to identify opportunities and set up classes; and
- To help with the development of Flamingo Chicks.
- The role may include other reasonable duties/tasks from time to time.

Person specification:

Essential skills / qualifications:

- Educated to degree level in dance (or equivalent) and a minimum of 3 years professional experience working in community dance settings with children and young people.
- Strong administration skills and attention to detail
- A creative and open-minded approach to dance teaching and facilitation, and a willingness to learn.
- Drive and passion for diversity and inclusion
- Strong organisational skills and confidence working remotely.
- Knowledge and understanding of safeguarding and appropriate practices when working with children and vulnerable people.

Desirable skills / qualifications:

- Experience working with disabled people and their parents/carers.
- Experience working in health settings, such as hospitals and hospices
- Experience working with schools.
- Leadership experience, such as leading a team or managing projects.
- An understanding of the voluntary and charity sector.

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How to apply:

Please send a CV and a short cover letter or introductory video (max. 5 minutes) to Sam McCormick – sam@flamingochicks.org - by midnight on 12th March with the reference 'Assistant Head of Dance application'.

Interviews for the position will begin week commencing 15th March for a 6th April start.

Flamingo Chicks is committed to equality of opportunity for all staff, and applications from individuals are encouraged regardless of age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief and marriage and civil partnerships.

Any offer will be subject to referencing checks. Flamingo Chicks has clear commitments to safeguarding all those it is in contact with, directly or indirectly, and the post-holder will be required to work within Flamingo Chicks' Safeguarding Policies

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