

Creative Facilitator

A New Direction are looking for a freelance Creative Facilitator to work with us on We Belong, our brand new programme designed to tackle loneliness by building a supportive community and creative platform to empower children in care.

We Belong is an arts enrichment programme and aims to:

- **Build relationships between looked after children and local authorities**
- **Connect children in care with each other**
- **Raise awareness of their experiences and give them a space, platform and a voice**

We aim to achieve these aims through a series of sessions that provide a breathing space and guide the young people to try new things, learn new skills, uncover hidden talents and creativity, all while empowering them to make change.

Key responsibilities

The lead Facilitator will:

- Work with the core A New Direction team to design and deliver the pilot year of We Belong
- Lead 10 days of creative activity and cultural visits supported by a team of freelance Creative Practitioners and one project/pastoral support worker
- Coordinate a team of creative practitioners who will design and deliver appropriate arts enrichment activity for the group
- Plan and accompany the young people on creative and cultural visits
- Support the young people to develop the We Belong campaign, with the aim of raising public awareness of the care experience
- Connect with other organisations that can advise and/or advocate for the rights of children in care and care leavers
- Be responsible for the safety and wellbeing of participants throughout the programme
- Guide a small group of care leavers to support the programme and participants
- Liaise with the programme evaluator to ensure that all required monitoring and evaluation data is collected

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for someone experienced in designing and delivering socially-engaged programmes for children and young people, and who will respect and commit to the We Belong values:

- Respect
- Understand
- Support
- Advise
- Guide
- Appreciate
- Nurture
- Love

Dates and rates

- 25 days @ £275 p/d
- Planning and preparation will take place from November – December 2019, including a training day on Monday 25th or Thursday 28th November
- Core delivery of the programme will take place from January – March 2020 on the following dates:
 - 17th, 24th, 31st January (All Saturdays)
 - Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th February
 - 7th, 14th, 21st March (All Saturdays)

More information on We Belong

The We Belong programme was co-designed by a collective of care leavers in partnership with A New Direction in 2019. Over the course of four creative sessions (March-April 2019) our Care Leavers Collective used creative mapping and research, conversations, creative writing, visioning, arts, and project design activities to produce a series of four project designs. These designs centred on the themes of Healing (or Breathing Space), Creative Expression, Connections and Awareness, which emerged as core to the process and came to serve as the ethos and foundation of We Belong.

The programme is kindly supported by Co-op Foundation, part of the national Building Connections Fund supported by HM Government and National Lottery Community Fund.

About us

A New Direction is a London-based non-profit generating opportunities for children and young people to unlock their creativity.

Core values

We work with partners such as schools, the cultural sector and local authorities to support children and young people to be creative and experience culture. Our core values of equity, culture and creativity and trust and means we identify areas of inequality to campaign for policy change where that is a barrier.

A New Direction is committed to equal opportunities and values diversity in its workforce. We're committed to making reasonable adjustments in the recruitment process. There is space to tell us about any access requirements on the application form and we will always do our best to make any reasonable adjustments. If you need any of the application documents in a different format or need support with your application, please get in touch or call on 0207 608 2132.

A New Direction is proud to be a London Living Wage employer.

To apply for this freelance role

Please send a CV and a covering letter (maximum one side of A4) telling us about skills, knowledge and experience you can draw on to fulfil the responsibilities of the role. Please email your CV and covering letter to schools@anewdirection.org.uk

Deadline is 5pm on 11 November 2019

Please note that the successful candidate for this post will be required to complete a Disclosure and Barring Check, must be eligible to work in the UK and registered to pay their own taxes.