

Artist Brief

Artist in Cancer Care Centre
York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust



Deadline for applications: 1 October 2018

Introduction

York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust's Arts Team require a freelance artist to run art sessions within York Hospital's Cancer Care Centre between November 2018 – March 2019.

About York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust provides a comprehensive range of acute hospital and specialist healthcare services for approximately 800,000 people living in and around York, North Yorkshire, North East Yorkshire and Ryedale - an area covering 3,400 square miles. The Trust manages eight hospital sites and has a workforce of around 9,000 staff working across the hospitals and in the community.

To find out more visit www.yorkhospitals.nhs.uk

About York Hospital's Cancer Care Centre

The Cancer Care Centre opened in 1998 with funds raised from an appeal by York Against Cancer and the York Press. The Centre provides information, support, complementary therapies and a listening ear for patients with cancer and their families.

To find out more visit www.yorkhospitals.nhs.uk/cancer-care-centre

Background

Artists have been working in the Cancer Care Centre for over 5 years, engaging and distracting participants through artistic interaction. These sessions are important to attendees who value the companionship, shared experience and creative outlet, all contributing to better wellbeing.

Project Aims

The key aims are:

- to provide a safe and welcoming environment
- to aid wellbeing and encourage companionship through engagement in art activities
- to work with participants to produce a possible exhibition for display within York Hospital's People's Gallery space between March – June 2018, in coordination with the Trust's Arts Team

The artist will:

- provide opportunities for participants to develop their creative skills
- cover a range of art activities at an appropriate level
- be led by the Arts Team, with guidance from Cancer Care Centre staff
- adhere to infection prevention, health and safety and environmental restrictions as advised by the Arts Team
- complete feedback forms after each session and contribute to evaluation as required
- provide evidence of liability insurance and DBS certificate
- conduct themselves professionally at all times

Artist Characteristics

The artist should have:

- a caring and empathetic approach
- the imagination and enthusiasm to engage participants
- experience in working with community groups
- experience in managing difficult conversations
- skills in a range of art and craft activities
- the ability to work with materials provided by York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Contract Period

The artist will be required to work between 1pm – 4pm on Tuesday afternoons commencing 6 November 2018 and finishing on 26 March 2019. The artist will work 19 weeks in total and will not work 25th December 2018 or 1st January 2019.

Location

Art sessions will take place in the Cancer Care Centre at York Hospital. The artist will be responsible for their own travel arrangements and costs.

Budgets

The artist will be paid £69.00 per weekly 3 hour session (£23.00 per hour).

The total fee for the 19 week contract is £1,311 including VAT.

Invoices may be submitted monthly and will be paid no sooner than 30 days after receipt.

Funding

The project is funded by York Teaching Hospital Charity and York Against Cancer.

How to Apply

If you are interested in this project please send the following via email:

- A recent copy of your artist's statement and CV
- Up to 5 images of your recent work
- A covering letter outlining your approach to the project

Expressions of interest should be sent via email to art@york.nhs.uk by 5pm on 1 October 2018.

If you have any further questions please contact the Art and Design Project Coordinator using the details overleaf.

Selection Process

Applications will be shortlisted by the Arts Team with successful applicants invited to interview w/c 8 October 2018.

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