

STORYHOUSE



Creative
Learning
Practitioner

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Who we are...

Storyhouse is a charity. Our home in Chester incorporates a library, theatres, an independent cinema, a restaurant, and is a community and creative social space.

Each year we run over 2,000 sessions for marginalised communities, including our vibrant festivals co-curated with our communities, including Storyhouse Queer, Storyhouse Childless, Storyhouse Women, Kaleidoscope for learning disabled and neurodiverse adults, the Chester Literature Festival, and WayWord children's literature festival.

Our theatres present a mix of Storyhouse Originals (produced by us in-house) and the best of the UK's touring work, including comedy, musicals, music, workshops and talks. Beyond Storyhouse, we produce Grosvenor Park Open Air Theatre in the city's park and Moonlight Flicks open-air cinema. Storyhouse's cinema screens 3 films a day, handpicked by us in partnership with many of our communities.

Our library has the longest opening hours of any UK public library, welcoming over eight thousand visitors a week. Everything we do is designed with our audiences and creative communities, creating a vital social space in the heart of Chester for everyone.

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Our hashtag is #thishouseisyourhouse, and this philosophy runs through everything we do.



Purpose of the role

As a Creative Learning Practitioner, you will plan, deliver, and evaluate weekly workshops as part of Storyhouse's thriving partner schools' programme, and deliver sessions with a variety of Storyhouse Youth Theatre groups, with children aged between 5 and 17 years old.

You will work with 3 schools on a regular basis, delivering regular workshops based around Storyhouse's programme and the schools' curriculum.

Your workshops in schools and at Storyhouse will foster a fun and inclusive environment, affording the young people the opportunity to develop a variety of skills, build confidence, work creatively and collaboratively with other young people, and learn from creative professionals.

This role will suit those with substantial experience delivering creative learning and performing arts for young people, ideally within formal education.

The role will be based at 3 different schools, 1 half day per week each, and 2 days based at Storyhouse, Chester.



Responsibilities & accountabilities

Main responsibilities

- Plan and deliver weekly sessions for local partner schools, delivering in 3 schools each week.
- Facilitate sessions for a variety of age groups of Storyhouse Youth Theatre.
- Work half a day per week from Storyhouse on planning, resourcing, and preparation.
- Create and direct performances and creative responses with each school, to be presented at Storyhouse Festivals throughout the year.
- Meet with teachers from our partner schools at the start and end of term to plan sessions based around the term's curriculum.
- Meet with the Schools and Education Manager at the start and end of term to plan sessions based around the programme at Storyhouse.
- Share learning, plans, and adjust work to remain consistent with Storyhouse objectives.
- Support the progress of young people in both schools and Youth Theatre.
- Work with, and support, Storyhouse staff/actors who deliver workshops/assemblies to the students.
- Encourage and create pathways for schools to engage in other Storyhouse activities.
- To ensure a safe working environment for all participants.
- Assist with the design and delivery of partner schools' experiences at Storyhouse, including workshops, tours, and performances.
- Plan and deliver creative learning opportunities across Storyhouse.
- Plan and deliver other youth projects through school holidays.

General

- Comply with all company governance and policies, to avoid risks and minimise company liability.
- Follow the Storyhouse Safeguarding procedure, relaying any child protection issues or concerns, and the steps that you have taken, to the Schools and Education Manager and Designated Safeguarding Lead.
- Undertake any other relevant duties as may, from time to time, be required by Storyhouse.
- Provide mentoring support to young people supported by Storyhouse.

Candidates must also be willing to complete an enhanced DBS and obtain a chaperone license.

Example of a working week

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning			School 2	School 3	Storyhouse Office
Afternoon/ Evening	Storyhouse Youth Theatre Delivery	School 1		Storyhouse Youth Theatre Delivery	

This role is a 24-hour per week contract, subject to negotiation. This contract is a fixed term contract until July 2024, with the intention of renewal if all parties are satisfied. The above schedule is for illustrative purposes and isn't necessarily set in stone. We're keen to open dialogue with practitioners and work together to schedule their working week, and we'd love to hear from you!

Staff Benefits

- 30 days annual leave per year including bank holidays.
- A Defined Contribution Pension Scheme or a Peoples pension scheme
- Employee Assistance Programme & free flu jabs
- Cycle to work & Travel to work schemes.
- Hybrid working practices and flexible working requests available from day one.
- Discounted gym membership with Brio Leisure
- Complimentary tickets and discounts on food and drink
- 8 weeks company sick pay available after 12-month service



Person Specification

Experience

Experience designing, teaching, and evaluating arts-based workshops with EYFS, Key Stage 1, and Key Stage 2 groups.

Experience working with schools and teachers, including sharing practice and providing CPD.

Experience motivating young people, particularly within the 4-13 age range.

Experience working with vulnerable young people.

Minimum of three years' experience delivering workshops

Experience/understanding of Arts Award.

Experience of producing/assisting with a youth/school performance.

Skills, knowledge & achievements

Ability to work with young people to develop confidence building, working with others, decision making, communication skills and motivation.

General understanding of primary and secondary curriculums.

An excellent mediator.

Excellent practical directing knowledge in a youth/school setting.

Ability to communicate with, and relate to, a wide range of people.

Excellent communication skills, positivity, and enthusiasm.

High level of knowledge of safeguarding and child protection policies.

Arts/education degree, or equivalent arts/education qualification/experience.

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The opportunity

Title Creative Learning Practitioner

Salary £22,672 per annum, pro rata

Contract Part time, 24 hours per week, subject to negotiation. Fixed term until July 2024 with the intention of renewal if all parties are satisfied.

Location Storyhouse, Chester

For discussion, please contact Emmeline Coppock at peopleteam@storyhouse.com

Representation

We strive to have an exciting, broad range of voices in our workforce, people who share our values and vision and can bring their varying life experience and skills to our work. We value lived experience and your perspective, as much as professional experience.