Job Description

Job Title	**Education and Youth Development Artist**
Responsible to	Creative Director
Responsible for	Freelance Staff as appropriate
Employment Basis	Part Time, 0.3 FTE (1.5 Days per Week) Fixed Term 13 month contract to cover Maternity Leave January 2022 to January 2023
Salary	£24,775 annually Pro-Rata (£7,433)
Hours	10.5 hours per week TOIL system operates
Place of Work	Cheshire Dance main office (Currently Winsford Library) and home working plus some delivery across Cheshire West

<u>Summary</u>

The Education and Youth Development Artist will work as part of the Cheshire Dance core team and will have responsibility for leading on the development of Youth Dance and Dance in Education initiatives across Cheshire West. This is a development focused role but includes supporting artist's professional development and can also include practical delivery.

<u>Main Tasks</u>

- Advocate for the transformative effects of Dance in Education and Youth Dance across the arts, public and voluntary sectors.
- Manage and develop Cheshire Dance's growing Dance in Education programme with a focus on long term, strategic initiatives.
- Manage and develop Cheshire Dance's Young Producers initiative (linked to Now Northwich Festival and Winsford Cultural Recovery Programme) and other strategic youth dance projects.
- Represent Cheshire Dance on the Cheshire West LCEP and other strategic youth dance/dance in education groups.
- Manage Cheshire Dance's relationships with strategic Dance in Education and Youth dance partners (e.g. Edsential, Vale Royal School Sports Partnership, Curious Minds, Theatre in the Quarter)
- Evidence the impact of Cheshire Dance's Dance in Education and Youth Dance programmes through reports and other creative media.
- Support freelance dance artists to deliver high quality youth dance activities throughout the Cheshire West, in community and education contexts.
- Where appropriate, deliver on flagship Dance in Education and Youth Dance programmes – which may include delivering Professional Development for teachers and dance artists.

Person Specification
The following skills, experience and competencies are required/desirable:

Experience & Skills

Essential	**Desirable**
Degree in dance or equivalent training / experience. Practical knowledge of at least one dance form.	Knowledge of a variety of dance styles and approaches.
Extensive experience of delivering high quality dance activities in youth and education contexts	Many years of experience in delivery contexts. Up to date knowledge of Safeguarding and a transferable DBS
Extensive experience in delivering cross-curricular dance activity in schools	Experience in developing and applying different cross-curricular dance methodologies and pedagogical approaches.
Knowledge of English education system	Experience of advocating for the creative arts within education
Experience of working in partnership with education and other non-arts sectors	Experience of developing strategic partnerships within education and other non-arts sectors
Experience of planning, administering, managing and evaluating projects with specific objectives	Experience of fundraising and managing budgets. Experience of managing artists and practitioners and commissioning delivery
Knowledge and experience in the use of Microsoft packages in an office environment	Experience using online tools/applications such as Zoom/MS Teams
Travel planning and timely arrival to appointments	Full current driving licence

The right person to undertake this activity will be confident and clear in communicating through email, phone (and potentially in person). They will be a self-starter who is comfortable in presenting to and communicating with a variety of people and partners including young people and schools.

Key attributes:
- Organised
- Attention to detail
- Ability to work on your own

- Excellent written and verbal communication – willingness to communicate using phone, email and in person
- Ability to deal with varied workload and be pro-active, and self-led
- Ability to work alone and in a team
- Ability to take initiative and make decisions based on individual and group needs
- Passion for and understanding of community dance
- Knowledge of Cheshire Dance and the work we do
- A commitment to valuing and celebrating diversity
- A commitment to valuing and promoting wellbeing at work