



Job Description:

Artist (Art Kart) with Waterford Healing Arts Trust

Purpose of the role:

To deliver an inspiring participatory arts programme which responds artistically and creatively to the needs and the vision of young people attending the Paediatric Ward, University Hospital Waterford.

Reporting to:

Director of Waterford Healing Arts Trust (WHAT)

Duties of the Art Kart Artist:

- deliver a person-centred programme of bi-weekly art making experiences at the bedside of patients in the Paediatric Ward.
- use and maintain a brightly-coloured refurbished medicine trolley to bring art materials to the young participants to support them to explore and develop their own creative resources and to have enjoyable art experiences.
- display artworks produced by young patients in colourful frames located on the ward, as appropriate.
- document the progress of the programme in consultation with the management of WHAT and the Clinical Nurse Manager (CNM) of the Paediatric Ward, while preserving the confidentiality of participants.
- write up regular reflections of the programme's progress.
- contribute to the evaluation of the programme while preserving the confidentiality of participants.
- adhere to all hospital guidelines regarding health and safety, infection control and ethics.
- adhere to all relevant policies of WHAT including:
 - WHAT Child Protection Policy
 - Participatory Arts Practice in Healthcare Contexts: Guidelines for Good Practice
 - WHAT Code of Practice
- attend meetings for artists and professional development training hosted by WHAT.

Experience & Qualities required

Professional Experience:

- Bachelor's Degree/Training in relevant field, i.e. Visual Art or similar
- Minimum three years experience working with children and/or young people

Person Specification:

The Art Kart Artist working on the Paediatric Ward will be required to be resourceful and responsive, able to work on their own initiative and also as part of the wider WHAT team, and to display a commitment to a person centred approach to arts delivery.

Terms

The Art Kart Artist will deliver two sessions per week (one session is two hours contact time on the ward plus preparation time). Sessions take place in the afternoons.

Rate of pay: €115.80 per session.

A probationary period of 12 weeks will apply.

To Apply

To apply for this position please **e-mail** the following to

Claire Meaney, Director, Waterford Healing Arts Trust at ClaireA.meaney@hse.ie

- Letter of application
 - A short proposal of how you plan to deliver the Art Kart programme on the Paediatric Ward
 - Up-to-date artist CV, including your contact details and the names and contact details of two referees
 - Examples of your art practice (images and captions, maximum 5 images)
 - Examples of your participatory work (images and captions, maximum 5 images)
- Applicants must be prepared to complete a Garda vetting application form.

Applications must be submitted by **Monday 16 August 2021 at 5pm**

Interviews

Suitable candidates will be shortlisted and called for interview. Interviews will take place in the last week of August.

Queries

For any queries in relation to this position please call Waterford Healing Arts Trust on (051) 842664 or email what@hse.ie