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Job title: **Global Majority Projects Officer (Comics and Mental health).**

Equalities info: **Due to Comics Youth CIC’s internal work on improving our engagement with global majority communities, this post is only open to individuals who positively identify as global majority community members.**  *(Global majority refers to people who are black, Asian, Brown, dual-heritage, indigenous to the global south, or have been racialised as ‘ethnic minorities).*

Location: Homeworking/Make Hamilton Square/Satellite Delivery

Responsible to: Comics Youth CIC’s Management Team

Your challenge: The ‘Global Majority Projects Officer’ (Comics and Mental Health), is a position that is integral to the development of Comics Youth CIC’s core mission and objectives. The successful candidate will work across x2 Comics Youth CIC projects, Graphic Medicine, and Turn the Page.

Within ***Graphic Medicine***, they will provide comics focused sessions for chronically and/or terminally ill young people aged 8-18 via the delivery of ward-based or online graphic narrative sessions. Within ***Turn the Page***, they will provide comics focused social prescription activities for young people aged 16-25 who experience anxiety/and or depression. This will include 1-2-1 or group work.

The post holder will develop resources and session plans for young people and deliver a mix of 1-2-1 and group work via Microsoft teams or face-to-face. They will also complete illustrations of young people’s narrative stories in comic art form. 60% of the role will entail direct youth work; 20% will entail illustration work and 20% admin and development work (EG-recruitment).

Background: Comics Youth CIC is an innovative non-profit that delivers comics-based literacy and wellbeing projects for disadvantaged children and young people aged 8-25 within Merseyside and the wider Knowsley Borough. The overall ethos of the organisation is to break down participation barriers for marginalised groups including looked after children, LGBTQIA young people, global majority youth, care leavers, young carers and young people experiencing complex mental ill health within the Liverpool City Region to make, create and publish comic books about salient community issues. Sessions are delivered within safe, inclusive, and indiscriminate community venues.

Benefits of working with us

* 28 days Annual Leave per year (pro-rata for part-time staff)
* Flexible Working Policy
* Fully funded x8 sessions of Counselling
* Access to a wellbeing grant
* Progressive workplace with a welcoming culture



**DATE OF JOB DESCRIPTION**

12-month contract.

**HOURS OF WORK**

35 hrs per week

**SALARY**

£22.5k per annum

**POSITION GUIDE:**

**MAIN TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES: -**

1. Delivery of comics focused art sessions for young people aged 8-18 through the delivery of ward based and digital (Microsoft teams) 1-2-1 and group work for young people who access Alder Hey Children’s Hospital.

1. Delivery of comics focused comics and zine sessions for young adults who experience anxiety/and or depression via 1-2-1 sessions.

1. Support project staff to deliver x8 week Zinester Cohorts within external community venues across the city.

1. To ensure the delivery of a balanced blended learning of digital and IRL programmes across daytime, evening and weekends that will challenge, stimulate, and provide opportunities for young people to ‘flourish from the margins of society’.

1. Teach and demonstrate art and literacy techniques to make varied styles of comics, zines, and creative art pieces through one-to-one and group workshops.

1. To ensure that there is an appropriate plan of support in place for each young person which is clearly documented and evaluated.

1. Capture young people’s stories and develop Comic art pages regarding their lived experiences.

1. To Undertake any other duties and reasonable requests that are in keeping with the nature of this post.  Eg- recruitment, advertisement, and branding of sessions.

**EXPERIENCE**

**(E=ESSENTIAL, D=DESIRABLE)**

1. **Illustration skills, both digital and hand drawn. E**
2. Experienced level of using Adobe Creative Suite, Illustrator, in particular InDesign and Photoshop. **D**
3. Basic experience of producing illustrations and documents for both print and digital. **E**
4. Knowledge and understanding of Comics (theory and interest in the genre) **E**
5. IT Literacy skills: organisational and time management skills together with an ability to relate to people at all levels. **E**
6. Ability to develop and maintain effective interprofessional relationships. **D**
7. Ability to work in an anti-discriminatory way with a diverse range of children and young people. **E**
8. An understanding of issues facing young people experiencing anxiety and/or depression. **D**
9. Approachable, compassionate, and self-aware. **E**
10. Good communication skills and the ability to communicate effectively through verbal and nonverbal expression using a range of therapeutic person-centred skills. **D**
11. A commitment to and a clear understanding of equal opportunities and the ability to work in a way that puts equal opportunities into practice. **E**
12. Must be legally entitled to work in the UK. **E**

**How to apply**

You will need to complete an Equalities Monitoring Form as a part of your application process.

To apply please send a CV and covering letter, outlining your suitability for the post to hi@comicsyouth.co.uk. Applications that don’t include a covering letter, as specified, will be automatically rejected. If you are shortlisted, interviews will take place digitally on Thursday the 27th of July 2023. Please inform us, when you apply, if you cannot attend on this date.

**Deadline for applications is 12pm on Friday the 14th of July.**