

the **Whitworth**

Freelance Opportunity _ Designer

Can you connect art, ideas and design?

Do you have a particular interest in design for social good and collaborative design processes?

The Whitworth is looking for a talented and socially conscious designer to work with a group of young people aged 16-25 on a Summer School this August.

What the project involves...

Using your skills as an designer, cultural producer and workshop leader you will plan and deliver a series of workshops for young people in collaboration with Learning and Curatorial teams at the Whitworth, to be delivered over two weeks in August (dates below).

You will produce through collaborative design processes with the young people, a resource including facsimiles from the Whitworth's collection and classroom activities, which can tour to schools in Greater Manchester and be used to open up conversations regarding the links between mental health, emotional wellbeing and creativity.

The successful applicant will be required to undergo mental health practitioner training delivered by 42nd Street in advance of running the summer school.

Dates of the project...

The Summer School will run during the last two weeks of August (21, 22, 23, 27, 28 and 29 August). There will be half a day of mental health training, supported by our partner 42nd Street, in advance of the summer school.

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Two days preparation for the summer school in collaboration with Whitworth and 42nd Street staff. Four additional days' work to be undertaken after the Summer School and before the end of September 2019 to further work up the resource (2 days), respond to changes and feedback (a further 2 days) and produce the resources developed during the summer school.

Fee: £1,875 for 12.5 days work (£150 per day).

More information about the summer school...

Young Designers Summer School (Title TBC)

Exploring connections between art, mental health and wellbeing in the Whitworth's collection.

The project is about exploring how art and design can generate non-stigmatising, creative ways for young people to explore mental health and emotional wellbeing, both on an individual and a social level. Artworks in the Whitworth's art collection will be used to open up dialogue and discussion around mental health and emotional wellbeing in connection to creativity. A group of young activists (aged 16-25) will be recruited to work with the appointed designer, in order to co-produce a designed box of resources, including facsimiles from the collection, to be used in a classroom context to explore connections between creativity and mental health and wellbeing. These outcomes of the Summer School will tour to secondary schools in Greater Manchester in a peer-education project, co-delivered with the young people and Whitworth staff (school year 2019-20).

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What we are looking for...

Essential:

- You are designer with a unique visual style and a strong portfolio that demonstrates the quality of your design practice and ideas
- You may be a product designer, a graphic designer, an illustrator or fine artist with experience of design work.
- You have an interest and ability to engage people from all backgrounds in particular in conversations around mental health and well-being.
- You are interested in working collaboratively, in partnership with experienced practitioners and staff across the gallery.
- You are able to work flexible hours including evenings

Preferred/Non-essential:

- You have experience of delivering creative learning workshops
- You have experience of working with the age group 16-25

We are committed to building a culturally diverse institution where everyone can flourish and feel valued by their contribution and individuality. Our policies and practices are designed to encourage talented people, whatever their background to work here. All appointments will be made on merit.

N.B. Successful applicants will need enhanced DBS status. This can be arranged through the gallery when the successful candidate is appointed in July.

How to apply...

Send your CV (2 sides max) with a covering letter (1 side max) explaining why you are interested in this project, what you feel you could bring to the project in terms of skills, passion and a collaborative ethos. In particular, we are

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looking for individuals who can demonstrate strong interpersonal skills, patience, empathy, a positive approach and respect for others. In addition, we are looking for an individual who believes that arts and culture have an important role to play in encouraging positive emotional well-being and mental health.

Please include up to 10 digital images of your work, a link to your website (if applicable) and list any past creative projects of relevance to this role. Please do not send original artworks to the gallery. Please do not send images via email that total more than 10mb as they will not be received.

Send to:

Holly.grange@manchester.ac.uk by midnight on Sunday 14 July. Interviews to be held on Monday 22 July. You will be expected to attend at least two planning meetings from the 24 July – 7 August in advance of the summer school.

Project partners:

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