

Community Fund Project Officer

Ariel Trust has received funding from The National Lottery Community Fund to deliver a three year project working with young people identified as at risk of exploitation, particularly as a result of their online behaviour. The project will deliver creative workshop programmes that provide safe spaces where they can explore the impact that social media is having on them and develop healthy ways of responding to this. The project will employ one full-time (**35 hours**) member of staff as the Project Officer, the salary will be **£26,822 pa (subject to pay review) plus 6% pension**.

The aim of this project is to listen to young people and to ensure their voices are reflected in Ariel's wider work to develop best practice in prevention education. Part of this best practice approach is ensuring the needs, experiences and ideas of young people are reflected in prevention education content that Ariel develops and this project will provide an important part of the process in terms of listening and responding to young people.

Job Description

This will be a new post will the following broad areas of responsibility:-

- Work with Ariel's Managers to recruiting and maintaining relationships with key project partners
- Promote the project in the local community through youth groups, schools and other community projects in order to identify and recruit young people to the programme
- Plan and deliver a workshop programme in a way that creates safe spaces for young people to explore sensitive issue
- Identify the need for and to recruit appropriate freelance / session staff to support the delivery of the project
- Deliver a workshop programme that will develop young people's confidence and communication skills; support young people to present their thoughts, ideas and needs using a range of multimedia including film, drama and creative storytelling
- Collect evidence of the project's impacts and work with the Managers to analyse this evidence and to use this evidence to continuously improve the delivery of the project



Person Specification

Essential

Experience of managing complex projects, particularly in a youth work context.

Significant experience of work with young people.

Experience of delivering skills-based workshops to young people, with the support of sessional staff.

The ability to respond to the needs of varied groups of challenging / disengaged young people.

Ability to listen to young people and to work with them to turn their ideas into media content.

High-level communication & listening skills.

The communication skills required to further develop Ariel's existing network of partners in Merseyside communities.

Experience of developing tools for impact measurement and of collecting multi-format qualitative and quantitative project data.

An understanding of the processes required to analyse project data and deliver continuous improvement in the quality of service offered to young people.

An understanding of multi-media - (knowledge of one or more of the following is desirable – Film production, drama, animation, illustration, photography, web design or social networking sites).

A willingness and ability to work with the Ariel Team to ensure the ideas and experiences of young people feed into the wider prevention education work of the Trust.

Desirable

An appropriate qualification in media production e.g. film, TV, drama, creative writing, illustration etc.

Experience in using social media.

