



## Talitha Arts Workshop Practitioner

	<b>ROLE</b>	Talitha Arts Workshop Practitioner
	<b>LOCATION</b>	London based (+ occasionally surrounding areas)
	<b>COMMITMENT</b>	At least 2 programmes annually (programmes run weekly for 4-6 weeks at a time)
	<b>WORKSHOP RATE</b>	£50 per workshop (+travel expenses)
	<b>REPORTING TO</b>	Therapeutic Arts Director

Talitha Arts are seeking artists/ actors and/or arts therapists with experience working with vulnerable communities to join our team of Talitha practitioners. The ideal candidates will have a qualification or equivalent experience in either a therapeutic or creative arts field (examples include Art, Drama, Dance) and will be passionate about the power of the creative arts to bring healing, restoration and transformation.

Talitha Arts is an integrative creative arts charity which offers therapeutic arts workshops to those who have experienced trauma ( for example through trafficking, living with dementia, domestic and sexual abuse, experience in the criminal justice system, and homelessness).

If you are a passionate team member who loves to work with others, has experience in group facilitation, has experience working with vulnerable people, would love to assist in devising and developing creative arts workshops, and is willing to work flexibly with therapeutic intent but outside a clinical framework, this may be the role for you.

At Talitha Arts, creativity is at the heart of everything we do, and therefore we are seeking practitioners who share our belief in the transformative power of the creative arts and can reflect our creative and relational ethos in their approach to our therapeutic arts workshops.

## **Roles and Duties:**

In joining the Talitha team you will be required to assist in the person centred approach to our workshop planning and delivery. This means each workshop is planned, directed and tailored in advance, by the team, to serve the specific group and individuals we are serving.

As a Talitha practitioner your duties will include weekly planning, debriefing and evaluating as well as co-leading the workshops themselves.

We are looking to take on Talitha practitioners on a long term basis, we expect those joining our team to commit to at least two 4 to 6 week programmes annually. These will be run once a week at the same time and place for the duration of the programme.

Before joining as a qualified practitioner you will be required to complete our training and a 6 week (paid) shadowing programme.

## **Organisational Context:**

Talitha Arts is a therapeutic arts charity which believes in empowering individuals through the freedom of the creative arts. We deliver training, and offer therapeutic arts workshops to partner organisations who work with vulnerable clients. We believe in the unique value and dignity of the individual and offer unconditional positive regard to all participants.

## **Practitioner fee:**

- The Talitha Training sessions will be of no cost to our trainees, but full attendance is an essential part of becoming a practitioner for the organisation.
- Shadowing fee for practitioners is £25 per session ( plus travel zones 1-9, 50% travel cover for outside zone 9)
- Once qualified as a practitioner, you will be paid £50 per session and travel reimbursed as above.
- Payments will be made upon receipt of an invoice to Talitha Arts .

## Equal Opportunities:

At Talitha we are committed to creating and supporting an inclusive environment and to celebrate diversity and the value of different backgrounds and experiences. We encourage applications from all backgrounds - we are particularly interested in welcoming candidates from ethnic minority communities, those with disabilities and LGBTQI+ candidates . Equality, diversity and inclusion are at the heart of our organisation's core values and the work we do.

## Person Specification:

	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
<b>Qualifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Qualification (or equivalent experience) in the Arts</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Registered Therapist (responsible for own insurance) OR</li><li>- Degree level Qualification in the Arts (drama, dance, visual art etc)</li></ul>
<b>Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Experience leading group activities</li><li>- Experience working with vulnerable adults or children</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Experience running arts based activities with vulnerable adults or children</li><li>- Experience in a creative field (drama, dance, visual art)</li></ul>
<b>Knowledge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Some knowledge/ a willingness to learn about trauma informed working</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Knowledge of therapeutic practice</li><li>- Knowledge of the effects of abuse and trauma.</li></ul>

	<b>Skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Strong ability to lead workshops amongst various client groups</li> <li>- Excellent communication skills</li> <li>-Relationship building</li> <li>-Able to work well as part of a team</li> <li>-Ability to work in an empathetic yet professional manner at all times</li> <li>- Ability to adapt and think on your feet</li> </ul>	
5	<b>Personal Attributes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Works on own initiative and as part of a team</li> <li>- Has a passion for the creative arts and therapeutic work</li> <li>- Excellent time management</li> <li>- Reflects Talitha's core values of <i>humility</i> and <i>honouring human value</i></li> <li>-Collaborative and supportive attitude within a team</li> </ul>	