

Dancer/Choreographer - Arts Youth Worker

Job title	Dancer / Choreographer – Sessional Youth Worker	Salary:	£10.85 per hour
Reporting to:	Creative Arts Coordinator	Holidays:	33 days including bank holidays (pro rata)
Location:	Legacy, Croydon Youth Zone	Hours:	Friday 5pm – 10.15pm Sunday 10.45am – 3.15pm

The Person: Are you trained in multiple dance disciplines? Specialising in Street dance, Afrobeats, & Popular music. Are you confident in delivering energetic and engaging dance sessions? Are you tik tok savvy? Can you deliver a creative performing arts programme? Do you want to use your creative talents to make the lives of young people better? We are looking for someone who is as passionate about dancing as they are about growing and developing young people? Are you vibrant, creative and committed to supporting young people and nurturing their talents? Are you passionate about giving young people a platform for their views and a place where they can express themselves, while building their confidence in the arts? Do you want to find the next superstar dancer/choreographer/performer and be an instrumental part of their development?

Key Relationships: Management team, stakeholders, external partners, colleagues and volunteers, parents and carers, OnSide network and young people

Key Dates: **Closing date: Sunday 10th October 2021**

Interviews will be held as and when applications are reviewed.

To apply, please complete an application form, which can be found on our website. Your completed form should be sent by email to Legacy Youth Zone's recruitment team: recruitment@legacyyouthzone.org



Job Purpose:

The arts, alongside sport and youth work is at the heart of Legacy's offer to young people. As a member of the performing arts team, you will be responsible for leading on the coaching and teaching of different dance forms. You will be key in ensuring young people have access to an exciting and creative programme that will be challenging, stimulating, fun, engaging and developmental. You will be involved in teaching the fundamentals of a single or range of dance activities enabling young people to explore their creativity and grow their skills.

Within the arts team we are looking for a range of talented youth arts workers to make up a team with a diverse set of skills and expertise, who are also passionate about working with young people.

Context of the post:

Youth Zones are amazing places: accessible, vibrant, welcoming, fun, caring and safe are just some of the words used by young people. Legacy's state-of-the-art £6.5 million building opened on Whitehorse Road, Croydon in Summer 2019 and is no different. Centrally located, it is dedicated to young people and to making a bold statement about the importance of giving young people high quality places to go in their leisure time.

Legacy has big ambitions to be a flagship for quality youth provision and joins the growing OnSide network becoming the 13th youth zone in the network and the 3rd in London. Open 7 days a week, at weekends and during school holidays, the Youth Zone's purpose is to help young people grow to be happy, healthy and successful adults.

Youth Zones provide young people with access to a range of activities, all offering the opportunity to try new things, meet new friends and gain support from friendly, warm and positive staff and volunteers. The facilities includes a 3G pitch, a gym, sports hall and recreation area, and dance, arts, music and media suites seven days a week, and facilities equipped for a wide range of sporting, artistic, cultural and general recreational activities and targeted services. To access a Youth Zone young people aged 8 – 19 (or 25 with additional needs), simply pay 50p per visit and £5 per year membership.

Find out more by watching

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sZCMoDYEfTQ>

<https://youtu.be/an4of3UWlx8>

<https://youtu.be/eNirVemAQyE>

.....it might just change your life!

Duties and Responsibilities - General

- Be a role model for young people and present a positive “can do” attitude
- Take personal responsibility for own actions
- Commit to a culture of continuous improvement
- Work within the performance framework of Legacy Youth Zone and OnSide
- Represent Legacy Youth Zone positively and effectively in all dealings with internal colleagues, and external partners
- Comply with all policies and procedures, with particular reference to safeguarding, codes of conduct health and safety and equality and diversity to ensure all activities are accessible
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- To be alert to issues of safeguarding and child protection, ensuring the welfare and safety of Youth Zone members is promoted and safeguarded, and to report any child protection concerns to the designated Child Protection Officers using the safeguarding policies, procedures and practice (training to be provided)
- To assist with any promotional activities and visits that take place at the Youth Zone
- To actively promote the Youth Zone and positively contribute towards increasing Youth Zone membership
- To adhere to Legacy Youth Zone policies at all times, with particular reference to Health and Safety, Safeguarding and Equal Opportunities

Duties and Responsibilities – Detailed

- Together with the Junior / Senior Club Managers and Arts Coordinator, develop and implement a programme that is exciting, challenging and ever-changing
- To listen to young people and create a seasonal dance programme
- The role is 100% face to face delivery with young people
- To work directly with children and young people to develop their social skills
- To directly deliver a high-quality programme of activity that is exciting, safe, varied, innovative, developmental and directly responds to the diverse needs, concerns and interests of the members
- Assist young people to show off their talent
- Introduce young people to the various forms of street dance.
- To have great energy to establish positive relationships with young people and the wider youth work team and visitors to the Youth Zone
- To respond to the needs of the young people through the arts
- To work flexibly to ensure the needs of the members are met, including disadvantaged children and young people and those with disabilities or additional needs
- To ensure that the members maintain a high standard of behaviour and discipline during sessions by making the area a hub of activity and fun!
- To ensure the participation of young people in activities and that their ideas contribute fully in the delivery of activities in a safe way
- To encourage attendance and participation in arts activities, particularly by young people who do not usually participate in dance.
- To assist with any promotional activities and visits that take place at the Youth Zone
- To actively promote the Youth Zone and positively contribute towards increasing Youth Zone membership
- To promote and safeguard the welfare of children and young people at all times
- To be able to think on your feet with minimal equipment
- Ability to enthuse others including staff, volunteers, young people

- To make the environment fun and the place to be
- To be an active member of the team and operate in line with the values and principles of Legacy Youth Zone
- Carry out any other reasonable duties as requested by management


Person Specification

Selection Criteria* A = Application Form I = Interview T = Test/Personality Profile	Essential or Desirable	Method of Assessment
Experience		
Experience of working with groups of young people aged 8 to 19, or up to aged 25 with a disability	Essential	A & I
Experience of working with young people from diverse backgrounds and with challenging needs	Essential	A & I
Experience of delivering performing arts sessions	Essential	A & I
Experience of delivering events / displays and performances	Desirable	A & I
Experience of working with young people with additional needs and disabilities	Desirable	A & I
Experience of team working and working alongside volunteers	Essential	A & I
Qualifications		
Level 2 Youth Work Qualification	Desirable	A
Relevant Dance and/or Drama qualification(s)	Essential	A & I
Skills		
Ability to deliver high quality performing arts programme with children and young people who face social exclusion, disadvantage and disaffection and manage such a group	Essential	A & I
Ability to teach and coach Dance and/or Drama	Essential	A & I
Able to work as part of a team and under own initiative	Essential	A & I
Able to plan and evaluate programs of activity including production of session plans and evaluations	Essential	A & I
Able to communicate effectively with young people, parents, team members and members of the public	Essential	A & I
Ability to engage and build positive relationships with young people including disengaged and disadvantaged young people	Essential	A & I
Knowledge		
Understand the principles of working with children and young people, the issues affecting their lives and knowledge of their needs	Desirable	A & I
Knowledge of health and safety, diversity awareness and safeguarding best practice	Essential	A & I
Basic knowledge of arts pathways	Desirable	A & I
Special Requirements		
A willingness to work unsociable hours	Essential	A & I
The ability and willingness to travel to events in the region and beyond	Essential	A & I
DBS clearance and committed to Safeguarding children	Essential	A & I

The strength of the OnSide Network of Legacy Youth Zone is the diversity of its people; we place huge value on different people doing things in creative and different ways. The one thing we all have in common is our desire to raise the aspirations of young people across the country. Legacy Youth Zone are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable groups.

Legacy Youth Zone Values

ON-SIDE YOUTH ZONES NETWORK VALUES



YOUNG PEOPLE FIRST

Young people are at the heart of everything we do, inspiring and challenging us to deliver services that exceed their needs and challenge them to be the best they can be.

EXCELLENCE

We encourage ourselves and each other to be best we can be through continuous learning and improvement, and a focus on finding solutions.



RESPECT

We act with honesty and integrity, celebrating diversity across the whole organisation and caring about each other, our young people and the Youth Zone environment.



AMBITIOUS

We are passionate and driven in taking on new challenges, embracing new ideas, and exceeding our ambitions for young people, the Youth Zones and our local communities.

COLLABORATIVE

We will create and nurture strong, creative partnerships, working together to achieve better results and outcomes for young people.

