

# Drama Club Volunteer

## Main purpose

To run a drama club for older children

## What would I be doing?

Helping promote, plan and run weekly, sessions to inspire and encourage children 9 - 14 years old to participate in drama based activities and to build their confidence.

Activities will include games, team building, voice and movement skills, improvisation and script work. The group size would be up to 10 participants.

Your responsibilities will include:

- Plan and facilitate regular sessions by setting up and cleaning up the space, preparing topics, materials and activities
- Choose and prepare resources such as play texts and different stimuli
- Facilitate the agenda of each session
- Encourage children to participate in and share their improvisation or performance work in a constructive way
- Ensure everyone gets a chance to be involved
- Give tips and ideas to those who would like them to further their skills or try something new
- Contribute in managing the club/administration/communication
- Participate in the promotion of the club
- Ensure that a safe, positive, and caring environment is maintained at all times

## When can I do my volunteering?

The sessions run weekly on a set time/day for one hour – for an agreed course of 6 or 12 sessions. You will need to be there 10 minutes before and after to welcome and say goodbye to young adults as well as to set-up and clean up.

This role also could require approximately half an hour preparation time prior to each session.

## Where will I be volunteering?

In the Library where the course runs.



## **Who will be there with me?**

Library staff will be on hand and possibly other volunteers.

Please note that this role requires a DBS check. We also require volunteers to complete the online Safeguarding Children training on Bristol City Council's Open Learn Create page.

## **Support and review**

Regular support and guidance will be given by a named library contact. There will be a 4 week trial period to ensure that all is going well – another volunteer opportunity may be suggested if the trial period has shown that this would be better for both parties.

## **Training, resources and information**

A full induction will be given, and further training offered where appropriate.

Resources: LibrariesWest can offer a wide range of books for guidance or inspiration. We will be providing, craft materials and photocopying. Access to computers with internet and use of headphones is also available.

## **Am I right for this opportunity?**

This opportunity would suit someone who:

- Is creative and has a passion for engaging children
- Has or wants to develop experience in leading conversations
- Has or wants to develop experience in facilitating/managing groups
- Is confident sharing tips/advice
- Has or wants to develop good communication skills
- Is organised and can commit for at least a term (6 or 12w)

## **What will I get from volunteering?**

Some of the benefits are:

- Gain leadership experience: planning, delivering, managing and promoting a club
- Gain experience of working with people in a teaching environment; sharing with and learning from others – useful for those considering a teaching career
- Gain experience of writing techniques
- Learning from peers
- Opportunity to increase self confidence



- Socialising with other volunteers and staff
- Gaining experience for CVs and job applications
- A deeper understanding of the future of the libraries service
- Have fun spreading your passion for literacy!

