

**Eden  
Court**  
HIGHLANDS

# **FREELANCE OPPORTUNITY**

**Eden Court Collective  
Assistant Director**

## Information

Eden Court Youth Theatre is a fundamental part of what we offer for children and young people – with vibrant weekly sessions that bring young people together to make exciting theatre in a safe space. As part of this work, we have Eden Court Collective which targets 14 - 19 year olds for specific project work.

We are looking to appoint an Assistant Director for an upcoming Eden Court Collective project, leading to a performance at our Positive Stories Festival, part of Wonder Fools' Positive Stories for Negative Times project. The Collective will be working on *Thanks For Nothing* by The PappyShow with Lewis Hetherington, which is "not a play but a process", helping young people to devise a performance. For more information look at: [www.positivestories.scot/plays/thanks-for-nothing](http://www.positivestories.scot/plays/thanks-for-nothing).

This post is ideal for candidates with a friendly and approachable disposition who are looking to learn and develop their understanding of participatory arts, whilst helping us make Eden Court Youth Theatre the best it can be. We don't expect you to have a lot of experience, but would like you to demonstrate that you are keen and passionate about working in the Youth Theatre sector.

As Assistant Director, you will work alongside one of our Arts Practitioners for Theatre, assisting with the delivery of an intensive week of devising and rehearsing that will culminate in a performance. You will be working through the week with participants, helping them devise and staying for the performance on the final evening.

# Job description

## Key aim of the role

You will work with our Arts Practitioner for Theatre to develop your facilitation skills as well as your understanding of session planning, devising, directing work for the stage and working with young people in a participatory setting. You will gain practical hands-on experience supported by our team.

## Duties + responsibilities

- To assist the Arts Practitioner for Theatre with sessions within the intensive week
- To design and deliver workshops or elements of workshops when tasked
- To ensure the safety of participants at all times
- To encourage and facilitate all participants to do their best work
- To motivate and inspire young people to devise their own work
- To independently take ownership of small groups and direct their work
- To promote equality, diversity and inclusivity in all activities
- To operate at all times in line with Eden Court's Safeguarding and Health and Safety Policies

## Responsibilities shared by all team members

- Abiding by and promoting organisational policies, such as Environment and Climate Crisis, Equal Opportunities, Health and Safety, and Safeguarding
- Maintaining an environment that is safe and welcoming for participants
- Representing Eden Court professionally and advocating for the work we do

## Contract details

<b>Contract type</b>	Freelance
<b>Salary</b>	£800 fee (paid within 28 days of invoicing)
<b>Dates</b>	Mon 3 Jul - Sun 9 Jul 2023
<b>Hours of work</b>	Typically 7.5 hours per day (Mon - Fri) and long days on Sat + Sun (finishing at approx. 9pm)
<b>Location</b>	Eden Court, Inverness
<b>Department</b>	Engagement

### Other benefits

- Free soup during Eden Court's opening hours
- 20% staff discount at Eden Court's café bar
- Free parking

## How to apply

If you think this is the opportunity for you, please complete the following tasks in your own creative style and send them to us.

- 1. Choose an object and tell us how it represents you and your personality**
- 2. Describe an experience you have had working on a theatre project (as a participant or facilitator) and tell us what made the project a success and some ways in which you might improve the project if you were to do it again**
- 3. Complete the following activity from *Thanks For Nothing*:**

Thank you for the world you've given us!?!?!?! It's a mess

Think about all the ways in which adults have made a mess. All the things which young people are going to have to deal with. Think of a mix of things which are global, but also local. It's about climate change but it's also about the broken street lamps outside the school. It's about people not having enough food to eat, but it's also about the broken swings in the park which haven't been fixed in years.

Then write a manifesto! You're tired of being told by adults to tidy up after yourselves - it's time they tidied up after THEMSELVES!

We want you to be creative and actively encourage you to show us that creativity in your statement. Feel free to do this in any way that best suits you and your personality. This could be done through painting, drawing, photography, film, creative writing, sound or anything else. Then, if you need to, take a picture and send it to us.

## The practical bits...

- Large files can be sent to [jobs@eden-court.co.uk](mailto:jobs@eden-court.co.uk) using WeTransfer
- Please make sure your files are clearly titled (with your name) and, if you are sharing your video via a link, please upload a titled file containing that link
- Please also complete this online [Diversity Monitoring](#) form
- Everyone will be considered equally, regardless of how they choose to apply

For an informal discussion about this role, please contact Andrew Simpkins (Arts Practitioner for Theatre) on [asimpkins@eden-court.co.uk](mailto:asimpkins@eden-court.co.uk).

Application deadline: Fri 9 Jun at 12pm

We will be having a 15-minute informal chat with selected applicants during w/c 26 Jun 2023. This can be over Zoom or in person if preferred.