

**Brief** – Learning & Engagement Consultant (Schools)

**Position:** Learning & Engagement Consultant

**Responsible to:** Artistic Director (Oldham Theatre Workshop)  
Works closely with: Interim Chief Executive (Oldham Coliseum Theatre)

**The Fee:** £9,250

The fee for this project is based on the Learning and education Consultant working 50 days at a daily fee of £185.

**Contract:** Freelance

**Location:** Oldham Theatre Workshop; Oldham; Greater Manchester; some remote work

### **About Oldham Theatre Workshop**

Oldham Theatre Workshop is a leading theatre and performing arts organisation that nurtures creative expression, personal well-being and skills development, engaging thousands of young people (aged 6- 25) and adults from across Oldham's communities every year.

Established in 1968 as one of the country's first youth and community theatre organisations, OTW seeks out, supports and champions creatives, performers, theatre technicians and young cultural leaders.

### **About Oldham Coliseum Theatre**

Oldham Coliseum Theatre provides distinctive and high-quality theatre performance and participatory activities, inspiring individuals and communities and making meaningful contributions to social and cultural regeneration in Oldham, Greater Manchester and nationally. Fostering a culture of aspiration, the theatre delivers a wide range of life-changing cultural experience, emphasising and promoting collaboration, sustainability and community cohesion.

Following the closure of the original building on Fairbottom Street on 31 March 2023, Oldham Coliseum Theatre is currently focused on delivering a cultural programme across the borough and working with Oldham Council on their plans for a new theatre opening in 2026.

The new building will be part of Oldham's Cultural Quarter and will provide a more modern, accessible venue for performers, participants in our engagement programme and audiences from Oldham and beyond.

### **Background**

We now have an opportunity in Oldham to examine and perhaps reset the way arts and culture is delivered, and to work with key partners, existing and new, to create an exciting new cultural enterprise for the town. One that is fully representative and reflects the diversity of Oldham (cultural and socio-economic).

One of the key objectives is to create and deliver a learning and engagement programme, led and delivered through a strategic partnership between Oldham Theatre Workshop & Oldham Coliseum Theatre Ltd.

This partnership will seek to engage a diverse range of communities from across Oldham in the arts as creators, participants and audience members.



## **Purpose of the Role**

At the heart of this role is the simple idea of connection, between people, their local communities, and their local theatre / arts providers.

We are seeking an individual to work with us on a freelance basis, to lead a programme of consultation and connection across Oldham's schools and wider education settings. Findings from these consultations will feed directly into the planning of future cultural activity in the town.

The role will seek to build and populate sustainable networks that directly connect teachers and education professionals to the town's cultural offer. This foundation work will help strengthen existing programmes and to create new opportunities that enhance people's lives through participation in the performing arts.

The post holder will be responsible for developing and delivering activities which broaden the diversity of all people engaging with Oldham's cultural offer.

## **Responsibilities**

- To design and deliver a range of consultation workshops / sessions that connect / re-connect and collaborate with all schools and formal education settings in Oldham.
- To enable creativity, build networks and open pathways to Oldham's wider cultural offer.
- To manage the partnership's evaluation processes, using e.g. KPIs, SMART targets, ToC and other evaluation processes to measure successes and produce relevant data and reports.
- To build strong relationships with key partners, stakeholders, schools and participants.

## **Person Specification**

### **Essential**

- Creative and resourceful, with an interest and enthusiasm for engaging schools and wider public audiences through arts.
- Knowledge and experience of schools and formal education settings.
- Experience of delivering sessions, workshops and events that engage teachers, head teachers and education professionals.
- Experience of producing data and reports measuring against key project outcome criteria.
- A grounding in the evaluation of arts, learning or community-facing activities and events.
- Knowledge of Health and Safety practices, risk assessment, safeguarding and safe working practices as they pertain to art projects, community events and workshops.



- Good understanding of inclusion and diversity with the commitment to applying these in practice.
- Self-starter, able to operate independently as well as part of a small team.
- Strong administrative skills.
- Excellent knowledge of the theatre and arts industry.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- A highly organised approach to work and demonstrable ability to work under pressure and to deadline.

### **Desirable**

- Good understanding of current cultural policy and issues.
- Experience of theatre or arts in education (formal or informal settings).
- Knowledge and understanding of the education system, key stages and the National Curriculum.

### **Application**

To apply, please send your C.V. and a covering letter (max one side A4) to [otw@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:otw@oldham.gov.uk) by 29/03/2024.

If you would prefer to submit your application via another medium, such as video, please get in touch.

Oldham Theatre Workshop is committed to equality and diversity within our workforce. We particularly encourage People of Colour, d/Deaf and disabled people and those from working-class and under-represented backgrounds to apply.

