**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Artists for Discover’s Newham Stories Programme**

Discover is seeking **three experienced artists** to work alongside Discover’s Community and Education Manager and Story Builders on a new programme with the aim of empowering families and residents of Newham to share and celebrate their diverse heritage and culture through storytelling.

**About the Project**

Discover’s Newham Stories aims to **empower parents from across the diversity of Newham’s residents to share and explore their customs, traditions, and practices through storytelling**. The program is funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

We are seeking **artists from diverse storytelling cultures to develop eight interactive workshop sessions from April to July**, inspiring families to explore their culture and heritage through storytelling. The artists will be supported by Discover’s Story Builders in these sessions, who will also contribute their expertise in telling stories from a wide variety of cultural sources, while considering the intersectionality of different traditions.

Following these exploratory and sharing sessions, **participants will be trained by the artists to gain the skills and confidence to tell their own and others’ stories**. **Group leaders of the family groups will receive professional support to organise a Showcase and Storytelling Exchange Day**. During this event, participants will be invited to come together to perform their work at Discover and engage in the investigation and exchange of storytelling approaches and routines collaboratively.

A filmmaker will also be commissioned to capture people’s stories and produce a short film for public distribution on our streaming channels.

**What we are looking for**

We are looking for three artists from diverse storytelling cultures, ideally reflecting the diversity of Newham’s population (e.g., Caribbean, African, South Asian), and from different storytelling-related art forms such as poetry, theatre, and comedy.

These artists will each:

* Develop a **10-minute storytelling performance** on their culture and heritage that can be presented to families.
* Act as the lead facilitator for an **eight-session workshop for 20 families** focused on culture and heritage through storytelling.
* Facilitate a **rehearsal session** with the participants for the final showcase day.
* Host a **Mentoring Workshop** to support group leaders of the workshops in planning out the showcase day and being facilitators in activities that would help participants investigate and share their storytelling approaches and routines with each other.
* Provide support on the **Showcase and Storytelling Exchange Day** where our participants will be performing their work at Discover, and the group leaders will be facilitating activities.

Applicants should demonstrate the following:

**Essential**

* Creating original storytelling performances for children and family audiences
* Designing and delivering arts projects in and/or for communities and families with a focus on themes related to culture and heritage, ideally Caribbean, African, or South Asian
* Flexibility in their creative process (i.e., experienced in co-design and responding to unexpected changes)

**Desirable**

* Familiarity with storytelling traditions from either Caribbean, African, or South Asian backgrounds

**Fee**

The total fee offered for this work for each artist is £2600 (£200 per day x 13 days) and will be payable in two instalments. The artist will be responsible for their own National Insurance and Income Tax payments.

It is estimated the Artist’s contribution to the project will be divided as follows:

* Workshop training with members of Discover and Story builders: 1 day (w/c 22 April)
* Workshop development (self-preparation time): 3 days (w/c 29 April)
* Lead facilitator in:
  + 8 family workshops: 8 days (once a week w/c 6 May - 1 July (with a break during half term))
  + Rehearsal: 1 day (w/c 8 July)
  + Mentoring Day: 1 day (w/c 15 July)
* Showcase and Storytelling Exchange Day support: 1 day (w/c 22 July)

Please note that the division of activities may be subject to change.

Additional budgets will be available for transport and materials.

**How to apply**

Please submit the following to recruitment@discover.org.uk by Friday 22nd March 2024.

1. **CV and covering letter** outlining relevant artistic experience.
2. **Equal Opportunities Form** – [downloadable here](https://discover.org.uk/jobs/artists-for-newham-stories-programme/)
3. **Brief artistic proposal** which can be submitted as a written proposal (two pages maximum), a video or audio recording (two minutes maximum) or a PDF presentation. Please provide the following:

* Content and ideas for your storytelling to be performed/demonstrated for the families.
* Workshop session plans to engage families to explore and share their cultures and heritage through different storytelling art forms.
* **Please note** – if submitting a multimedia file as part of your application, share via WeTransfer or a similar, free file-sharing software

Discover values diversity and is an equal opportunities employer. We’re particularly interested in hearing from ethnically and culturally diverse artists and artists who self-identify as disabled.