

Freelance School Illustrator in Residence

Temporary post: 10 weeks or 22 school days from January 2019

Freelance: approx. 2 days per week

Responsible to: Schools and Families Producer



House of Illustration is the UK's only public gallery and education programme dedicated solely to illustration and graphic art. Founded by Sir Quentin Blake, it opened in July 2014 in King's Cross, London. Its exhibition, learning and event programmes explore historic and contemporary illustration, the work of defining and emerging illustrators and a vast range of techniques associated with the art form. A registered charity, House of Illustration supports and promotes new talent, and works with people of all ages via masterclasses, courses, school workshops and outreach projects.

Illustration is a powerful educational tool for learners of all abilities and ages. House of Illustration's workshops and resources are designed to make the most of this power by helping teachers and pupils develop their visual communication and practical skills, to enjoy and learn from our exhibitions, and to be inspired to illustrate.

The school workshops directly support art and design and can support literacy and many other subjects, topics and curriculum areas.

About the role

House of Illustration was recently granted funding from John Lyons Charity and Ernest Cook Trust to set up a brand new education outreach programme, working with two primary schools per year in Ealing, Harrow, Brent and Barnet, over three years.

We are looking for an enthusiastic Illustrator-Educator to work as a freelancer from January – Easter 2019. The project will be based in one school over the period of 10 weeks or 22 school days. Essentially, this is a residency programme designed to mutually benefit the illustrator and the school and will be tailored to the school depending on their specific needs.

We are looking for an **early career** illustrator (practicing for 2-5 years) who would like to build their experience in the field of education. This opportunity is unique - to be a School Illustrator in Residence, growing skills in workshop planning and delivery, tailoring work to different groups and illustrating to a school's brief. It is not essential to have lots of workshop delivery experience for this role. We are looking for candidates with strong potential, excellent organisational skills and a willingness to learn.

Main duties

- To work with one school for 22 days, over 10 weeks, for school day hours
- Deliver illustration workshops with students across all primary year groups
- Create a visual output for the school to keep, created over the course of the residency
- Shadow and learn from the autumn term Illustrator in Residence for several sessions

- Attend planning meetings with the school and HOI staff
- Organise timetable, workshop plans and conduct preparatory research and materials for workshops
- Communicate with Schools and Families Producer and school staff to deliver project to a high standard within the project timeframe
- Receive training and mentoring from HOI and an experienced Illustrator-Educator
- Contribute to the evaluation and documentation of the project via writing blog posts for HOI's website, taking photographs and debriefing with HOI staff

Knowledge, skills and experience

Essential

- A portfolio in illustration or the graphic arts
- Good understanding and ability with a range of art techniques, materials and processes
- Evidence of a strong interest or experience in education
- Good written, verbal and visual communication skills
- Evidence of the ability to respond to an illustration brief
- IT skills in Adobe CC, Outlook or Google Office Suite
- Responsible and organised
- Excellent time-keeper
- Positive attitude, creative approach and enthusiasm in building confidence in participants
- Excellent rapport building skills with teachers and children
- Approachable, professional and friendly at all times
- Flexible and adaptable to change
- Ability to practice House of Illustration safeguarding and health and safety policy
- Able to travel to zones 3 and 4 in London
- Understanding of the importance of inclusion and diversity in all education practice
- Be responsible for own invoicing and payment of tax

Desirable

- An illustration or graphic arts degree
- IT skills in Adobe CC Suite and Microsoft Office Suite
- Evidence of practical workshop planning and delivery experience
- Good project documentation skills – photography and report writing
- Understanding of safeguarding procedures

Terms and conditions

Fee

- £3,300 + expenses for training. To be invoiced over the period of the residency.

Reporting structure

This post will report to the Schools and Families Producer, House of Illustration

Hours

Working hours are approximately 14 hours per week. Regular hours and timetable will be agreed with the Schools and Families Producer and the school.

Job location

The job will be based at one school in Ealing, Harrow, Brent or Barnet.

How to apply

To apply please send the following to **jobs@houseofillustration.org.uk** with the email subject: School Illustrator in Residence

- A cover letter no longer than one side of A4 explaining indicating how your skills and experience match the job specifications
- Your CV
- Contact details of two referees
- A Monitoring Form, which will not be seen by the shortlisters or interviewers

Successful candidates will be required to be DBS checked and to read and sign HOI's safeguarding policy.

Closing date

The closing date for applications is 6pm **Tuesday 4 September 2018**. Interview date to be confirmed.

Equal Opportunities

We shortlist candidates for interview name-blind.

We will be offering guaranteed interviews for disabled* applicants and those from BAME backgrounds who meet the essential criteria on the job description. Please indicate on your Monitoring Form whether you agree to a guaranteed interview using this criteria.

*Definition of disability under the Equality Act 2010

You're disabled under the Equality Act 2010 if you have a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' negative effect on your ability to do normal daily activities.

**If you have any questions about this role please email
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