

## **Call out: Illustrator/facilitator**

Kettle's Yard is looking for a freelance illustrator/facilitator to take a lead role in delivering phase 2 of *Story Explorers*, an arts-based literacy project in North Cambridge.

### **What is Kettle's Yard?**

Kettle's Yard is a beautiful and unique House in North Cambridge with a modern art collection and a gallery exhibiting modern and contemporary art. Kettle's Yard has well-established learning and community programmes including long term partnerships with North Cambridge.

### **What is *Story Explorers*?**

*Story Explorers* is a partnership between family support charity [The Red Hen Project](#) and Kettle's Yard, funded by Cambridgeshire County Council's early years literacy, language and communication programme [Talking Together in Cambridgeshire](#).

Phase 1 of the *Story Explorers* project runs from November 2021 – January 2022, and includes home deliveries of book packs, online resources and a local support network. Phase 2 of the project will consist of a series of art-based story sharing workshops in North East Cambridge with parents/carers and their young children (18 months - 4 years).

Over weekly sessions from January-March 2022, 10 participating families will be encouraged to play, discuss, explore and reflect on the environment around them with words, songs and pictures. These workshops will be based on sharing stories together – from books, from each other and from the Kettle's Yard House and collection – whilst building positive habits of communication and literacy. Each session will make links with Talking Together in Cambridgeshire's new app [50 Things to do before you're 5](#). Over the course of the sessions, an illustrated and written record of the project will be compiled into a picture book to celebrate the families' participation.

### **What will the illustrator/facilitator do?**

The illustrator/facilitator will take the lead in planning and delivering the content of these sessions, supported by the Kettle's Yard Learning team and the Red Hen Project worker. This will include researching the Kettle's Yard House and collection, and undertaking literacy, language and communication training led by [Talking Together in Cambridgeshire](#).

Throughout the project, the illustrator/facilitator will gather illustrations of the sessions, and collaborate with the families and the project team to turn these into a printed book. The illustrator/facilitator will also be expected to contribute to the evaluation and reporting of the project.

We welcome applications from individuals who would like to take on both the facilitation and illustration parts of the project, or just one of these aspects.

### **Dates and Practicalities**

The illustrator/facilitator will be expected to deliver up to 8 x weekly morning workshops (number of workshops subject to funding confirmation) in North Cambridge, which are expected to take place on Wednesday mornings from 26<sup>th</sup> January – 23<sup>rd</sup> March, and an Early Years Studio session at Kettle's Yard on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

They will also be expected to attend at least two half-days of online training, and a number of online planning sessions.

The illustrator will be expected to complete the book illustrations by the middle of May 2022.

The successful candidate would be expected to be flexible with changes in plans and dates due to any ongoing government guidelines around Covid-19.

## **Fee**

Total project fee: £1000-1500 (dependent on the number of workshops and the individual's experience. A final agreement will be made with the individual before starting the role)

*This is based on our rate of £85 per workshop (including planning time), developed according to the A-N guideline artist rates. Further to the workshops, our rates are £50/half day of training attended, £30/additional project planning meeting and £500 for book illustrations. A further fee for book design may be available, subject to negotiation.*

Travel expenses up to £20 will be offered for each workshop/visit (where an early session start requires peak-time travel this limit may be increased).

## **Person specification**

We are looking for someone who is:

- An experienced facilitator and/or an experienced illustrator
- Confident leading workshops with early years and families, especially in a community context
- Warm and welcoming, with experience helping diverse audiences feel at ease in a new setting
- Excited about working collaboratively and building a shared creative vision with children and families
- Experienced in the co-production of creative work
- Able to build a coherent project over a series of sessions
- Experienced in, or excited to learn about, children's books and early years literacy
- Organised, motivated and able to keep to deadlines
- Ready to work flexibly and according to Covid-secure practice

We are open to collaborative applications and applications to undertake part of the role – e.g. illustration or facilitation.

## **How to apply**

Please send a CV and cover letter explaining why you'd like the role and how you meet the person specification to [learning@kettlesyard.cam.ac.uk](mailto:learning@kettlesyard.cam.ac.uk) by the end of Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

Please include links to examples of your work.

You may also submit a video application instead of a cover letter. We won't be assessing the film quality of this video.

Interviews will take place via Zoom on 10<sup>th</sup> December.