



## Part-time Workshop Leader – job description

### Background

Making Theatre Gaining Skills is a social enterprise established in 2011 that provides unique training courses in the Coastal West Sussex area. We work with long-term unemployed people who are affected by mental health issues, learning difficulties and other disabilities. Our courses are successful because they combine creative activities with employability and unusually we can offer formal qualifications through our accreditation with NCFE. Alongside our core activity we run bespoke commissioned projects, short courses and community events. Our method is effective; we can help disengaged learners, enabling them to learn through doing and gain vital qualifications.

MTGS has been in residence at the Bognor Makerspace since October 2020. It is currently running a programme of informal learning related to numeracy which is funded by West Sussex County Council.

### Current projects

We have recently been awarded funding by Comic Relief to revive a comedy project – **The Institute of Laughter** – which provides local residents with the chance to set up, programme and run a comedy club. Established in 2017 and formerly funded by the People's Health Lottery, the Institute successfully delivered a full programme of workshops and masterclasses leading to public performances over the two years before Covid closed down operations.

### About the Workshop Leader role

This is a part-time, temporary contract to run for 12 months from the beginning of June. It may be extended, subject to future funding. We are looking for someone with ideas and enthusiasm who will support the enterprise in the following ways:

- Lead fortnightly practical workshops to enable members of the Institute to develop and improve their skills.
- Contribute to the programming of the public events by selecting and rehearsing items created by members, and hiring external comics.
- Working in partnership with the Project Manager, encourage participants to get involved in the marketing/communication process and support the development of the Steering Group.
- Help organise events, open-mic sessions and performances.

### **Ideal applicant**

- A background in applied theatre, performance art or related areas, with experience in leading creative workshops with adults
- An interest in all aspects of comedy to include stand-up, sketch, songs, visual comedy etc
- A good planner who can organise effective and inclusive workshops
- Sensitive to the issues faced by long-term unemployed people, or those with mental health issues or learning difficulties.
- Creative thinker and problem-solver

### **Hours/pay**

£30 per session for a 90 minute workshop, twice a month. Additional hours may be required in the run-up to public events.

**To apply, send your CV with a covering letter that includes brief answers to these questions:**

**Why are you interested in this post?**

**What can you bring to the role?**

**What do you find funny?**

**Email to: Hilary Strong (Director) [hilary@makingtheatre.co.uk](mailto:hilary@makingtheatre.co.uk)      **Deadline: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May****

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