



Artroom

Part time / Sessional Artist Practitioner

GHAT Background

Grampian Hospitals Art Trust (GHAT) is a leading Scottish charity providing access to arts in hospitals in Aberdeen and the North East of Scotland. Since the launch of the original Hospitals Arts Project in 1985, GHAT has been working across all NHS Grampian facilities and sites (240 venues and 155 facilities) to ensure that communities in Aberdeen and the North East of Scotland have access to our services.

Our purpose is to enhance the wellbeing of all those within NHS Grampian premises through the promotion, enjoyment and where possible, the participation in art activity. We do this by providing the following:

The Healing Environment: For thirty years GHAT has worked with the NHS to improve our hospitals with original art and design to create a more welcoming and comfortable environment. Our work is unique and well admired in the UK medical sector and is recognised by NHS Grampian as an important element of our high-quality hospital environment.

Changing exhibition spaces including the newly opened 'The Suttie Art Space' (TSAS) which is the first purpose built art gallery in an acute hospital in the UK. It has been open for less than a year but already has become a huge asset to the Foresterhill site, providing a peaceful refuge for patients, staff and visitors alike. GHAT also programmes a smaller exhibition space in the original GHAT gallery in ARI within a well used waiting area.

Artroom: For the last eight years GHAT has complimented this work by developing and running patient-centred Artroom sessions. These were developed using the “Art in Hospital” programme as a model. This programme has been running successfully in Glasgow and the surrounding area for over 20 years.

GHAT currently runs four Artroom projects which works directly with patients and families. The projects are designed to enhance wellbeing by providing specifically designed arts sessions for participants. These projects have a therapeutic and rehabilitative benefit to people; it can help build self confidence and compliment medical treatment. GHAT provides Artroom sessions at Royal Aberdeen Children’s Hospital, Roxburghe House, Royal Cornhill Hospital and Woodend Hospital.

Professional artists work with the participants, either as a small group or on a one to one basis (including at the bedside if required), and acting as creative guides to allow the individual to choose what they want to do. The artists give the participants the freedom to develop their creative abilities in ways that are appropriate to and of interest to them.

Artroom is run by a Senior Artist practitioner and an Artist practitioner and last for approximately 2 hours. The sessions take place within a relaxed and supportive environment where all the participants are involved, valued and their efforts acknowledged. Families, visitors and staff are welcome to join in when appropriate.



Artist’s Role

GHAT requires an artist practitioner who is able to work on their own initiative and can empathise with both the patients and staff. We are looking for flexibility and dependable cover, as well as a flair for working with people. The artist practitioner should be confident in drawing and painting, although it is not necessary for this to be their specialist area. Our ideal artist will allow individuals to experiment and play, gently encouraging them and appreciating their efforts, providing support as and when necessary, but not teaching.

The artist will need to consider:

- These are demanding posts; working with people with a wide range of needs and concerns who face challenging emotional and physical experiences.
- The artist will be working in wards and day rooms within the Grampian NHS estate and must work closely with the NHS staff to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the patients.
- The artist will need to conform to current NHS regulations concerning health and safety, infection control and disclosure requirements.

The artist will also be available for planning meetings and the evaluation of the project where appropriate.



Contractual Details

We are looking for professional artists who already have some experience working within the healthcare environment or recent graduates who have a particular interest in this field and would like to develop their skills in arts and wellbeing. The post will involve acting as cover for our existing staff and hours will vary from week to week.

Time will be allowed for setting and tidying up, preparation work and training associated with the post, but other costs including travel and accommodation will not be covered. An initial 3 hour training session will be organised to introduce the successful candidates to the project and they will then be expected to shadow existing staff during 2 sessions. This time will be reimbursed at the same rate as sessions (£11.54 per hour).

Application Procedure

Artists are invited to submit:

- Visual/ written documentation of previous, relevant work as an artist. (We do not accept original work and if you wish us to return anything then please include adequate postage and packaging.)
- A CV demonstrating your creative skills and evidence of your commitment to working in your own creative field. The ability to relate to different groups and people will be required. Please supply an electronic copy of your CV if at all possible.

- Two references showing
 - How the referee knows the applicant
 - Would they consider them as someone who could work in a healthcare setting

Preferred format for visual documentation

- **CD or email attachment of up to 5 images** as jpegs or Power Point presentation saved to be shown through a PC computer. Please ensure the jpegs are no larger than 300kb to ensure they can be opened easily.
- Please do not submit original work.
- A numbered and titled list with the images.

Please note that GHAT cannot accept responsibility for damage or loss of submitted material supporting your application. If you would like us to keep your details on file please indicate this on your image list.

GHAT cannot accept responsibility for non-delivery and advise applicants to use a recorded delivery system and add a read receipt to any email.

Applicants should ensure that their applications arrive by the deadline date as applications that arrive after the deadline date will not be considered.

The selection board at GHAT will assess the applications and a shortlist will be drawn up of the most appropriate. Shortlisted artists may be invited to meet the panel and give a presentation of their work. The panel reserves the right not to appoint any applicant.

Interviews for potential candidates will be held on the week beginning 4th April 2016.

The deadline for submissions is 5pm Friday 1st April 2016

Apply via email or post to:

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