



Young People's Puppet Theatre

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Project Leader Application Pack

Spring 2024

Our organisation has grown hugely in the last 3 years to meet demand for our work post-COVID. We are seeking project leaders in Thurrock and Luton to run projects in primary schools.

What will you be doing?

Our project leaders run our projects in schools, supported by our Executive and Associate Directors. They lead the children through every part of creating spectacular puppet shows from scratch.

From September 2024 until February 2025, the positions we have available are 1 day per week (Thurrock) or 2 days per week (Luton) as you guide the children through the process of making the puppets and sets.

After this, the schedule is less predictable, but is likely to involve a concentrated period of 2-3 weeks (Thurrock) or 5-7 weeks (Luton) in June and July 2025 for rehearsals and performances. We negotiate each school's schedule individually with their assigned project leader so can have some flexibility around projects.

In total, we expect a project to take around 120 hours - 80-ish hours of contact time, and 40 hours of preparation/set-up/clean up time. We have 2 projects in Thurrock, and 6 in Luton.

Per project, we pay £3,250.



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What are we looking for?

Required skills/characteristics

- Aged 18+
- Able to pass an Enhanced DBS check
- Basic Excel/Word use
- Enthusiasm for our projects

Nice-to-haves

- Education/facilitation experience
- Visual arts experience
- Performing arts experience

Not necessary

- Puppetry experience
 - More than one of the nice-to-haves
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What difference will you make?

The YPPT is going through an exciting time at the moment as we respond to increased demand and expand our work in new contexts. You could help hundreds of children and young people in England who currently lack access to the arts, and are therefore missing out on the social benefits of an education in the arts that our projects provide, especially in the wake of COVID-19 and the cost of living crisis.

In 2019, researchers from the University of Hertfordshire monitored 180 children involved in our projects, with amazing results: not only do our projects help build valuable transferable skills such as teamwork, communication and resilience in every child involved, but they have the greatest impact on disadvantaged children. Moreover, the benefits are lasting, and impact on all areas of the children's lives.

You will be helping make that difference.



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Our recruitment process

We run a three-step recruitment process. This includes:

- a phone/Zoom conversation with our Director Jeremy or Associate Director Caitlin
- a visit to one of our projects to see our work in action
- attendance on our three-day training camp in July 2024.

This process is entirely without obligation either way, which is to say that either party can bring the discussion to a close at any stage.

If you are interested in applying on this basis, please email Caitlin at admin@yppt.org.uk, attaching your CV and including some possible dates and times in the next few weeks when you would be available for the initial conversation. Please include the phone number on which you would like us to reach you.

We look forward to seeing your application!