



### Coventry Cardboard Camp Facilitator

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Cardboard Citizens is looking for a Facilitator based locally to Coventry for a 3-month freelance contract.

**Role:** Facilitator  
**Project:** Coventry Cardboard Camp  
**Accountable to:** Engagement Manager  
**Responsible for:** Residency Workshop Assistant  
**Contract type:** Freelance, Contract for Services  
**Location:** Coventry  
**Fee:** £3,975 (excl. VAT) to cover approx. 26.5 days' work (paid in instalments)  
**Term:** May – July 2021 (3 days during May, 8 days during June, July 15.5 days (need to available full time 5-23 July)  
**Deadline:** 18:00, 05/04/2021  
**Interview dates:** 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April

### About Cardboard Citizens

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We are the UK's leading theatre company with and for people with experience of homelessness. We have a 30-year history of making high-quality theatre, telling untold stories to wider audiences to challenge perceptions of homelessness. We have developed a highly successful national programme of touring productions, placing individuals with experience of homelessness at the centre of our professional work. Our approach is rooted in Augusto Boal's Theatre of the Oppressed methodology, an

internationally recognised practice that works to liberate and empower the most vulnerable by critiquing forms of structural oppression and empowering spectators to become advocates for change.

## **Project Overview**

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During April – December 2021 we are working in partnership with Coventry City of Culture, The Belgrade Theatre and Underground Lights to deliver a creative programme of workshops, training and events, which brings together people with lived experience of homelessness, the arts and homelessness sectors, and theatregoers.

The project aims to:

1. Amplify the voices of people with lived experience of homelessness in Coventry's CoC festival through a powerful theatre programme, building audiences with a greater knowledge and understanding of the complexity of homelessness.
2. Positively enhance Coventry's arts and homeless sectors beyond CoC, building on relationships already established through the Coventry Arts and Homelessness Forum to grow a city-wide network of individuals with lived experience of homelessness, arts and social sector organisations and local government to influence Coventry's cultural/homelessness agendas.
3. Drive change in cultural and homelessness agendas nationally, through using partnerships and knowledge exchange to develop and showcase a model of good practice of arts programming informed by people with lived experience, with integrated professional and community elements, to share with key stakeholders and be delivered by CC beyond the project.

Key Activities include:

- Theatre of the Oppressed training for arts and social sector workers and people with lived experience (May)
- Confirming homelessness sector partners to support the project (May)
- Outreach workshops with homelessness sector partners (June)
- 3-week Forum Theatre residency for people with experience of homelessness at The Belgrade (5-23 July)
- Performance and policy making session at The Belgrade (B2) (23 July)
- Monitoring and evaluation

## **Role Description**

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We are looking for a Facilitator to lead a series of outreach workshops on behalf of Cardboard Citizens in homelessness services in Coventry during June 2021. Through this, gather a group of 10-12 participants with lived experience of homelessness to participate in a 3-week residency at The Belgrade 5-23 July 2021. To work with and support Cardboard Citizens' Associate Director to create a new piece of Forum Theatre to be performed at The Belgrade (B2) on 23 July, supporting participants to feel confident to participate and share their stories.

We are looking for a facilitator who has experience of or familiarity with Forum Theatre and the wider Theatre of the Oppressed methodology and has experience with running creative projects with vulnerable groups.

## **Key Tasks**

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- To work with CC's Engagement Manager and Coordinator to deliver the Cardboard Camp activities, ensuring successful delivery of its aims and outcomes
- To attend Theatre of the Oppressed training led by CC's Associate Director (May 2021)
- To lead a series of outreach workshops on behalf of Cardboard Citizens in homelessness services in Coventry successfully engaging with xx people (June 2021)
- Through this to gather a group of 10-12 participants with lived experience of homelessness to participate in a 3-week residency at The Belgrade (5-23 July 2021)
- To work with and support Cardboard Citizens' Associate Director to create a piece of Forum Theatre to be performed at The Belgrade (B2) on 23 July, supporting participants to feel confident to participate and share their stories
- To work successfully with and maintain strong relationships with partners Coventry City of Culture, The Belgrade Theatre and Underground Lights
- To work successfully and maintain strong relationships with project staff including CC's Associate Director, locally based Coordinator and Residency Workshop Assistant
- To support the Coordinator and Underground Lights to identify and secure key social and homelessness sector organisations and people with lived experience to support the project and its legacy
- To support the Coordinator set up the successful delivery of outreach workshops, putting in place arrangements with partners to ensure participants can attend
- To keep the Engagement Manager informed of all relationships and partnerships, providing a comprehensive handover at completion of contract
- To embed and capture monitoring and reporting information, as required
- To act as a champion for Cardboard Citizens with regional stakeholders, promoting its Theatre of the Oppressed methodology

## **Person Specification**

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### **Essential**

You need to demonstrate clear evidence of:

- Experience of facilitating creative workshops and/or projects
- Experience of running creative projects with marginalized or vulnerable groups, and supporting participants to engage in a creative process
- Using Forum Theatre and the wider Theatre of the Oppressed methodology in your creative practice or familiarity with these methods
- Building and managing relationships with artistic collaborators and stakeholders
- Understanding of the arts sector in Coventry/West Midlands
- Awareness of the challenges encountered by people affected by homelessness

- Ability to work as both part of a team and on own initiative
- Excellent organisational and communication skills and the ability to plan work effectively

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

All job descriptions are subject to review and amendment, in consultation with the employee. As will be necessary for the role, it is a requirement of Cardboard Citizens that all staff work in a flexible manner compatible with their jobs and in line with the company's policies, procedures and objectives.

#### **Equal Opportunities**

We are committed to attracting diverse candidates. Applicants who meet our minimum (essential) criteria and identify as one of the following will be guaranteed an interview.

- Black, Asian or from another minority ethnic background
- Disabled
- Lived experience of homelessness
- At risk of homelessness

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#### **Contact:**

If you have any questions about this position, [please email us](#).

#### **How to apply:**

To apply for the position of **Coventry Cardboard Camp Facilitator** at Cardboard Citizens **please complete our application form which can be found [here](#)**.

If you require the application form an alternative format (i.e Microsoft Word) then [please email us](#).

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