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SPRINGFLING

Scotland's Premier Art and Craft Open Studios Event



Upland Arts Development CIC looking for an intern to assist with the organisation and delivery of Spring Fling Open Studios 2017.

Role: Spring Fling Intern

Deadline: Friday 4th November 2016 by 5pm

Salary: £16,000 pro rata, per annum

Hours: 50 days, 1-2 days per week (which days to be negotiated) beginning November/December 2016

Background

Upland Arts Development CIC is based in Dumfries and Galloway, South West Scotland and has evolved from Spring Fling CIC.

Spring Fling is an annual visual art and contemporary craft open studios event that takes place across Dumfries and Galloway, it was set up in 2003 to support and promote the region's professional artists and makers and their businesses. Whilst the event is about opening an individual workspace to visitors, the success of the event involves a team effort with artist and makers, the voluntary management committee, and the wider tourism sector all working together to make Spring Fling a unique experience.

In Autumn 2015, Spring Fling CIC evolved in to Upland Arts Development CIC. Upland now provides a year-round creative and professional development programme for its members, with Spring Fling as its annual flagship event. In 2016 Spring Fling had one of its highest number of visits and visitors per studio ever recorded (total: 40,549; per studio 431). With 94 artists and makers taking part in 2016, £216,946 was spent in studios.

For information on Upland – www.weareupland.com

Job Description

This internship is designed to support a new graduate looking to pursue a career in visual arts and crafts management. Working closely with Joanna Macaulay, Upland's Events & Exhibitions Manager, the successful applicant will gain valuable work experience, something new graduates often find difficult.

This internship would most benefit someone wishing to pursue a career in arts management, especially one within a rural context. They would have the chance to work with artists across a range of disciplines, work on the delivery of Spring Fling Open Studios, organise curated exhibitions locally, nationally and research opportunities internationally. There will be opportunities with public art commissions and creative and professional development.

The successful applicant will work 1-2 days per week, assisting and supporting with the delivery of Spring Fling Open Studios. This involves, but is not limited to, the following:

- Communicating with Artists, Makers, Upland members, Funders, Friends and Partners
- Production of SF print materials – brochure, map, exhibition invites etc.
- Working with partners to deliver the SF exhibitions
- Maintaining and updating the Spring Fling website and social media platforms
- Work on associated arts projects and events

Person Specification

Essential

- New graduate (graduated since 2014) with an interest in the visual arts/ craft/ pursuing a career in this field
- Experience in using Microsoft Word, Excel
- Experience in using social media
- Excellent communication skills – both verbal and written

Desirable

- Knowledge of Dumfries and Galloway
- Have access to a car
- Skilled in website administration and maintenance

What this role can offer you

New graduates often find it hard to make the transition from further education into a job in the arts, as jobs are limited and work experience is key. So this internship offers the successful applicant the chance to get hands on in a hugely successful rural arts development organisation and to assist in delivering Spring Fling Open Studios 2017.

The successful applicant will leave this internship with a wide range of practical skills in event management, print and web-based marketing, copy writing and editing, PR and much more. This is a great

starting point for a new arts graduate looking to develop their work experience and to advance the arts/crafts industry.

Not only that but the successful intern will get the chance to work in a small team with experience in delivering highly successful visual and applied arts programming, national and international projects, creative and talent development opportunities and arts administration.

Further details

For more information on Upland CIC and Spring Fling Open Studios;

www.weareupland.com / www.spring-fling.co.uk

How to apply

Please send your CV and a cover letter explaining why you would like this internship and how it will assist in promoting your career in the arts to Joanna Macaulay on joanna@weareupland.com

Cover letters should be no more than two sides of A4. If asked to attend an interview, applicants will be asked to provide a copy of their degree/qualification certificate or evidence that they will have graduated by the start of this internship.

Please contact us should you have any queries.

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