ROSETTA ARTS

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ABOUT ROSETTA ARTS

Rosetta Arts is an Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation delivering exciting, innovative, and creative opportunities for underrepresented and marginalised people in Newham and wider East London. Responding to poverty and inequality, we act as a catalyst for creative talent across our core pillars: Creative Wellbeing, Inclusive Opportunities, and Artist & Sector Development.



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POST TITLE:	THRIVE Lead Artist (freelance)
SALARY:	£35 per hour January - March 2027 (planning stage), £37.50 per hour from May - August 2027 (delivery stage)
DURATION OF ROLE AND HOURS:	Freelance, a minimum of 22 days between January 2027 - August 2027
LENGTH OF CONTRACT:	8 months
START DATE:	January 2027
LINE MANAGED BY:	Senior Youth Producer
OFFICE BASE:	Rosetta Arts, 1 Hamilton Road, London, E15 3AE
APPLICATION DEADLINE	**26th November 2026 at 10am**
INTERVIEW DATES	**w.c. 7th December 2026**



ABOUT THE ROLE

Rosetta Arts is seeking one passionate Lead Artist to join our freelance Science facilitation team for THRIVE.

THRIVE is a two-year cross-curricular arts programme that runs in primary schools. Through THRIVE, Rosetta Arts delivers arts-led Science and History curricula and a creative careers programme for year 5 pupils in Newham, in partnership with Compass Eko Trust, Contemporary Visual Arts Network London (CVAN London) and Newham Council's Heritage Service. Having completed its first year, THRIVE is looking to build on the existing schemes of work for the final year of the project.

The Lead Artist will lead on planning and delivery, as well as contributing to co-creation sessions with project partners and leading teacher continued professional development (CPD) workshops in schools. They will work closely with the Assistant Artist, who will support and deputise for the Lead Artist as required in planning and delivery. The Lead Artist will set goals, delegate tasks and facilitate reflection sessions with the Assistant Artist, to support their professional development.

We are looking for artists with an established visual arts practice, confident working with diverse groups of children including those with SEND and EAL, and who are committed to co-creation, empathy, and inclusive practice. Training in Youth Mental Health First Aid and Safeguarding will be provided.

FEE

£5223.75 with a breakdown as follows:

- 3 training/onboarding days at £122.50 per day (£367.50 total)
- 2 co-creation days at £245 per day (£490 total)
- 2.5 planning days at £245 per day (£612.50 total)
- 3 days on teacher CPD (1.5 days planning and 1.5 days delivery, £735 total)
- 8.5 delivery days in schools (including three school trips) at £262.50 per day (£2231.25 total)
- 1 celebration day at £262.50 per day (£262.50 total)
- 2 evaluation days at £262.50 per day (£525 total)

TIMELINE OF ACTIVITY:

- **Training/onboarding:**
  - 3 days between w/c 4th January 2027 and 25th January 2027
- **Co-creation days:**
  - 21st January 2027 (10am - 5pm) at Rosetta Arts
  - 25th February 2027 (10am - 5pm) at Rosetta Arts
- **Planning days:**
  - 2.5 days between w/c 1st March and 29th March
- **Teacher CPD:**
  - 1.5 days planning (dates TBC)
  - 1.5 days delivery - 14th April 2027, 21st April 2027, 28th April 2027 (2.30pm - 5.30pm, with delivery from 3.45pm - 4.45pm)
- **Delivery - School 1:**
  - Tuesday 20th April - morning delivery in school
  - Tuesday 27th April - morning delivery in school
  - Tuesday 4th May - morning delivery in school
  - Tuesday 11th May - morning delivery in school
  - Tuesday 18th May - Trip - all day
- **Delivery - School 2:**
  - Wednesday 21st April - afternoon delivery in school
  - Wednesday 28th April - afternoon delivery in school
  - Wednesday 5th May - afternoon delivery in school
  - Wednesday 12th May - afternoon delivery in school
  - Wednesday 19th May - Trip - half day
- **Delivery - School 3:**
  - Thursday 22nd April - morning delivery in school
  - Thursday 29th April - morning delivery in school
  - Thursday 6th May - morning delivery in school
  - Thursday 13th May - morning delivery in school
  - Thursday 20th May - Trip - all day
- **Celebration days:** Summer term, TBC
- **Evaluation days:** Summer term, TBC

There may be further activity scheduled in the Spring term, as per Artist and School availability. Activity dates are subject to change: notice will be given for any changes that are made.

MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Be an active part of the co-creation process, working with THRIVE partners to build on and edit previous lesson plans for the Science curriculum and creative careers programme
- Lead on lesson and resource planning, in close liaison with Rosetta Arts and Compass Eko teachers
- Deliver engaging, accessible visual arts sessions in schools and at local cultural organisations tailored to the needs of Year 5 pupils with SEND and EAL
- Work collaboratively with Rosetta Arts staff, school and heritage partners to ensure an inclusive, safe and supportive learning environment
- Lead school visits to local cultural organisations
- Feature in filmed lesson resources for use in Compass Eko Trust schools and wider Rosetta Arts youth programming & Rosetta Arts social media content
- Lead on the presentation of sharing the children's work at school/in the community. This could be through giving feedback on certificate design, exhibition presentation or planning celebratory events
- Support evaluation by collecting feedback, contributing to reflective practice, and participating in evaluation set by external evaluators Earthen Lamp
- Set goals on what skills the Assistant Artist would like to develop throughout the year
- Delegate specific tasks and/or elements of planning and delivery in line with the Assistant Artist's goals
- Provide supportive feedback to the Assistant Artist and facilitate reflection conversations after delivery



PERSON SPECIFICATION

ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCE, SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE:

- At least 3-years experience designing and delivering inspiring curriculum-linked creative workshops for a diverse range of learners in school settings, including pupils with SEND and EAL (A, I)
- An established visual arts practice (A)
- Passion for using art as a tool to connect with individuals, foster creativity, build confidence, and promote a sense of community and belonging (A,I)
- An environmentally-conscious practice (A)
- Knowledge of the primary science curriculum (A)
- Understanding of trauma-informed practice and safeguarding in school-based settings (A,I)
- Confident communicator and empathetic team player (I)
- Excellent time-management and organisational skills (A,I)
- East London based, Newham-based is desirable (A)
- A commitment to Rosetta Art Centre's Equal Opportunities policy, practical awareness of how to implement it, and understanding of the needs of a multicultural, inner city community (A, I)

DESIRABLE EXPERIENCE, SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE:

- Experience designing and delivering arts-led Science workshops in school settings
- Familiarity with monitoring and evaluation practices in participatory arts
- Experience of being part of a co-creation or co-design process
- Experience of designing and delivering continued professional development (CPD) workshops for teachers

This role is subject to Enhanced DBS, right to work checks and two references.



HOW TO APPLY

To apply, please send:

- a CV
- cover letter (up to 1 page) outlining your interest and how your experience matches the person spec
- a portfolio of your work - this could be a social media account, video, images or any other format you feel highlights your practice and skills. Videos must be no longer than 4 minutes and images must not exceed 4 pages.

OR

- send in a video explaining your experience and suitability (no longer than 5 minutes), alongside a portfolio of your work via wetransfer to admin@rosettaarts.org by 26th November 2026 at 10am

If there are any adjustments or support you might need to help make the application process a more positive experience, email us at admin@rosettaarts.org

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Rosetta Arts is committed to being an equal opportunities employer and recognises the importance and advantages of diverse workplaces and communities. We particularly encourage applications from groups who are underrepresented in the cultural sector including working class people, disabled people, and people from ethnically diverse backgrounds.

The closing date for applications is 26th November 2026 at 10am
Interviews will be held w/c 7th December 2026

If you would like an informal conversation about the role, please contact maddy@rosettaarts.org