



Post Title: Baby & Toddler, Music & Creative Play Leader for Little Lights
Contract: Freelance
Salary: £25 per class, which includes set up and pack up time / £125 per week
Location: Hamble and Burridge
Line Manager: Artistic Director and Little Lights Manager

Unexpected Places is committed to equal opportunity. We welcome applications from all qualified individuals and encourage applications from groups who are underrepresented in the cultural sector. All successful applicants will be considered regardless of age, disability, gender, race, ethnicity, religion or belief, sexual orientation or any other equality characteristic.

We are seeking an experienced music and play facilitator for under 3's to work with us to deliver a new curriculum of creative and sensory play classes for 0-3 year olds, called Little Lights. You must be experienced in leading early year groups and or classes and be able to confidently communicate and engage with adults and carers.

About Unexpected Places

Unexpected Places is a diverse charity in three parts: a touring professional theatre company creating devised, imaginative performances which take our audiences to unexpected places, a thriving youth theatre 'Light UP' that focuses on providing value for money classes for over 400 children a week to foster creativity, confidence and curiosity, and the newest strand to our organisation - UP Studios, a theatre space to support young people and local creatives.

There are a number of perks to working with Unexpected Places including free rehearsal space, regular training, staff socials (our latest was a Goga workshop - Yoga with goats) and working with a supportive, creative team.

About Little Lights

Little Lights was initially funded by the National Lottery, to deliver creative and sensory play classes for 0-3 year olds and their families. After a successful first term, we decided to make these classes part of a permanent fixture of our 'Unexpected' family. Little Lights will allow babies and toddlers to explore, investigate, socialise and discover, to aid their social and physical development for 0-1 years, 1-2 years and 2-3 years. Watching and interacting with their

peers is a necessary part of 0-3 year olds development. Due to Covid, new parents have been isolated. Our Little Lights classes will provide a crucial service for parents to meet other parents and recover lost experiences during the past year and start to create vital networks of support.

Job Description

You will run our Little Lights classes in Hamble and Burridge across our four group types:

Sunbeams : For babies

Fireflies : For those starting to walk

Sparklers : For toddlers

Mixed Ages : For families with children of different ages

You will need to be available on a Tuesday from 09:00 - 13:00 and on a Sunday from 09:30-11:30am.

You will work closely with our Little Lights Manager to deliver pre-planned sessions, with a different theme each week. Full training and support will be given. Little Lights provides all of the equipment, plans and music that you need. We need you to take these resources and run a magical, memorable class for parents and their babies.

There will be an option to pick up more classes or one- off sessions, should this be of interest.

Essential Skills:

- Experience leading early years classes and/or groups
- Good working knowledge of 0-3 year old child development or willingness to learn
- Comprehensive understanding of current child protection guidance
- Creative, imaginative and motivated
- Singing ability
- Positive, people person with excellent communication skills
- Welcoming and approachable
- Drive - and have access to a car
- Paediatric First Aid Training and DBS Check - or willing to get this training in own time

Desired Skills:

- Hold an NVQ Level 3 in Childcare / Early Years

To Apply

Please send the following:

- A letter of application demonstrating how you meet the requirements of the role as laid out in the job description- - evidencing how you meet the criteria for the role
- Your CV
- The name and contact details of 2 referees. Referees will only be contacted after interview

Email your application to courtney@unexpectedplaces.co.uk with the subject title **Little Lights Leader**.

Closing Date for Applications: 19th November

Interviews: 25th November