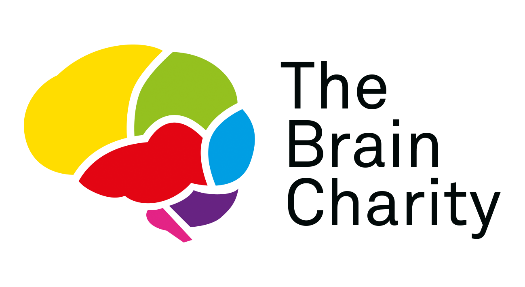
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**Job Description**

**Job Title: Occupational Therapist**

**Pay:** £35 per hour (£70 per week)

**Contract:** Temporary

**Base:** The Brain Charity, Norton Street, Liverpool L3 8LR & multiple locations

**Hours:** 2hrs per week – 1.30-2.30pm (approx.) Monday afternoon session plus 1hour planning per week

**Responsible to:** Children & Young Person’s Project Co-ordinator

**Brain Changer Arts Project**

At the Brain Charity, we believe that early intervention for children and young people with neurological conditions is vital and that every child should have the support they need to reach their full potential.

Through the receipt of funding from The Masonic Charitable Trust, the *Brain Changer Arts Project* utilises the skills of an **artist/art therapist to work alongside an occupational therapist** and a professional dance instructor to work alongside a physiotherapist to improve the lives of children and young people with neurological conditions.

The Brain Charity will deliver regular art/craft-based sessions and dance sessions in which the movement, routines and exercises are based on wide-ranging occupational therapy and physiotherapy techniques designed specifically to improve mobility, hand and arm skills and confidence in the children and young people taking part. These classes will be delivered in two separate workshops with one of the workshops delivering **Occupational Therapy through Art** and the other delivering Physiotherapy through Dance. The sessions usually run for 12-week blocks in schools, Children’s Centres and other medical and community settings across the city.

**Main Purpose and Scope of Job:** The Occupational Therapist will work with the Arts Leader to design, prepare and deliver high quality arts and crafts-based activities to children and young people to improve physical wellbeing. They will also support the Project Coordinator in regular monitoring of the project and will contribute to the production of end of year evaluation reports.

**Main tasks:**

**Project Development:**

* Collaborate with the Children and Young Persons’ Project Coordinator and the Art Therapist to design a series of arts and crafts-based activities.
* Use the GAS framework to monitor the progress of the young people.

**Marketing:**

* Work with the Project Coordinator to record case studies which support the project’s evaluation and promotion.
* Actively support promotion of the course amongst professional contacts.

**Project Delivery:**

* Carry out initial assessments of attendees and write individual GAS goals.
* Produce resources for attendees, as well as parents or carers.
* Deliver arts and crafts-based activities in group settings to children and young people to improve physical wellbeing.
* Provide advice and guidance to individuals attending the arts sessions to help improve their physical wellbeing.
* Evaluate individual progress using appropriate outcome measures.

**Research and Evaluation:**

* Use evaluation methods to identify and measure progress on key themes which will be used to report on the success of the project.
* Monitor progress against outputs and outcomes in the project application.
* Work with the Project Coordinator to produce regular written progress reports as required by the Chief Executive Officer and the project’s funders.

**General Responsibilities:**

* Take responsibility for being up-to-date with and adhering to the Charity’s current policies and procedures.
* Take responsibility for maintaining own continual professional development (CPD)

**Person Specification**

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| **Area** | **Detail of Requirements** | **Essential / Desirable** |
| Qualifications and Memberships | A-levels and/or relevant vocational qualifications.  Degree or equivalent in Occupational Therapy.  Registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).  Evidence of actively pursuing Continuing Professional Development (CPD) opportunities. | E  E  E  E |
| Skills and Abilities | Good analytical skills  Excellent written and verbal skills.  Strong computer skills.  Excellent group work skills.  Excellent interpersonal skills – including observation, listening and empathy skills.  Ability to assess, implement and evaluate interventions for people with neurological disabilities.  Ability to reflect on practice both individually and with other project workers.  Excellent organisational skills.  Ability to use e-technology to practice occupational therapy | E  E  E  E  E  E  E  E  D |
| Experience | Experience of working with people who have a disability and/or a neurological condition.  Experience of working with children and young people. | E  E |
| Knowledge | Knowledge of health sector-based therapies.  Knowledge of the arts sector. | E  D |
| Personal attributes | Commitment to equal opportunities. | E |
| Other | Satisfactory completion of an enhanced DBS Check  Commitment to the Mission and Values of The Brain Charity  Willingness to work outside normal office hours on occasion.  Sensitivity to the needs of children and young people with neurological conditions. | E  E  E  E |

**Our mission & values**

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Our mission is to enable all those affected by neurological conditions to live longer, healthier, happier lives.

We will fight together for an inclusive and just society: a world where stigma, hardship and isolation are replaced by compassion and understanding.

**Our values**

The Brain Charity strives to apply the following values in its work:

**Kindness -** We genuinely welcome everyone to our charity and believe that each person has a unique talent and the ability to make the world a better place.

**Commitment -** We will travel side by side with everyone throughout their journey no matter how complex, how long or how difficult. We roll up our sleeves whenever and wherever we need to.

**Authenticity -** We accept and understand that the broadness of our own diversity and personal experience impacts directly on the level of quality and passion delivered within our services.

**Courage -** We will challenge the status quo, welcome change and bravely take on any new challenges in the spirit of adventure.

**Optimism -** We believe that equality for people with neurological conditions is now within reach and we will strive each and every day until prejudice and lack of opportunity are removed from our society.