

Bag Books Storyteller-Trainer Job Description

Self employed. £168 for an 8 hour day on an ad hoc basis.
Home-based but travelling to venues within the North West of England – own transport required.

Main purposes of the post

- To visit venues such as special schools, libraries, adult day centres and care homes throughout the North West to a mutually agreed timetable.
- To tell multi-sensory stories to children and adults with severe learning disabilities.
- To train venue staff in multi-sensory storytelling and to act as a mentor to those staff as they learn.

Position within the organisation

Report to: Storytelling Manager.

Other Key Relationships: Storytelling-Training Co-ordinator, trainees, other venue staff.

Duties and key responsibilities

- To attend training sessions in multi-sensory storytelling.
- To visit venues throughout the North West arranged by the Storytelling-Training Co-ordinator.
- To run a number of 45 minute multi-sensory storytelling sessions throughout the day to groups of 4-8 people with severe or profound & multiple learning disabilities and/or severe autism spectrum disorder.
- To train venue staff in multi-sensory storytelling and to enable them to match stories to their listeners in regard to age appropriateness and likely level of attention skills.
- If required, to act as a mentor to venue staff until they are able to confidently deliver multi-sensory stories effectively and safely to children, young people and adults with a range of challenging behaviours.
- To maintain full and accurate records of the sessions, and to forward them to Bag Books in a timely and systematic manner.
- To promote multi-sensory storytelling and Bag Books.

General Responsibilities

- To agree and adhere to the Bag Books Staff Handbook and all Policies and Procedures, including Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy and Health and Safety Policy.
- To undertake any other reasonable duties as required, from time to time, by the Storytelling Manager.

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Person Specification**

	Specification	Assessed by
Skills	Storytelling (E) Communication, presentation, training skills (E) Organisational skills (E) Interpersonal skills (E) Multi-sensory storytelling (D)	A A/I A/I A/I A
Experience	Experience of working with children (E) Experience of working with disabled people (E) Experience of delivering training (E) Experience of Coaching/mentoring (E) Experience of working with children and/or adults with SLD/PMLD/ASD (D) Experience of multi-sensory storytelling (D)	A/I A/I A/I A/I A/I A/I
Knowledge	Knowledge of language development (D) Knowledge of care systems for people with learning disabilities within the North West (D)	A/I A/I
Qualifications	Qualifications/training in special needs (D)	A
Other	Energy, drive and enthusiasm (E) Motivation to enrich the lives of children with disabilities (E) An open and friendly disposition (E) A flexible approach to working (E) A creative, imaginative outlook (E) An appreciation of the importance of stories (E)	I A/I I A/I A/I A/I

E=Essential
D=Desirable

A=Application
I=Interview