

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 South 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 South 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 South 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 South 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

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A UK-wide charity aiming to enhance the lives of children and adults with severe learning disabilities through the use of multi-sensory books. We have vacancy for a Storyteller-Trainer for the South West within our team of 11 Storyteller-Trainers covering the rest of the UK. We have funding for at least 20 days of multi-sensory storytelling in the South West over the next two years. You will be visiting venues such as special schools, libraries, children's hospices, adult day centres and care homes telling multi-sensory stories to people with severe learning disabilities and training venue staff to do so.

Download more info and details of how to apply from <http://www.bagbooks.org/about-us/vacancies-at-bag-books>

Closing date: 5pm, Monday 3rd July 2017. Interviews: Tuesday 11th July at Marlborough School, Marlborough Park Avenue, Sidcup DA15 9DP

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