AmberPlus Practitioners

We are looking for freelance music practitioners to work on AmberPlus, a new UK-wide music service for children and young people aged 5–18 who are visually impaired and have severe, or profound and multiple learning difficulties. AmberPlus will be launched in September 2018.

Job title: AmberPlus Practitioner

Conditions: Ad hoc freelance work

Location: At the homes/schools of the children/young people involved in the scheme

Responsible to: AmberPlus Coordinator

Job description

* Visiting each child/young person you are assigned three times a year/once a term for half day sessions (except in the very first term where two visits are offered)
* Engaging with the child/young person through music using the AmberPlus resources (which will be available online and as a ‘deck of cards’ and booklet) and your own musical ideas
* Suggesting and modelling musical strategies to parents/carers/school staff to enhance wider development, including social and communication skills
* Monitoring the musical progress (using the *Sounds of Intent* framework) and general progress of the children/young people you are assigned
* Reflecting on your own practice and completing a ‘note of visit’ form after each AmberPlus session
* Liaising with family members to arrange suitable times for visits
* Attending a training day for AmberPlus practitioners

Person specification

ESSENTIAL

* Experience of working with children/young people with SEND through music
* Knowledge of the *Sounds of Intent* or *Sounds of Intent in the Early Years* framework, or a willingness to learn about these
* Ability to monitor the musical and general progress of the children/young people you work with
* Ability and confidence to suggest and model musical strategies for families/carers/school staff
* Ability to evaluate own work
* Confidence to liaise with families to arrange session dates and times
* Available to work at times arranged in negotiation with the families of the children/young people you are assigned
* Willingness to travel to families’ homes/schools within your geographical region
* Confidence to work alone
* Excellent organisational and interpersonal skills
* Willingness to work within service guidelines
* Willingness to adhere to The Amber Trust’s values and policies
* Registered as self-employed
* Hold a current enhanced DBS certificate
* Available to attend a training event in London on Friday 28 September (venue and times tbc)

DESIRABLE

* Experience of working with children/young people/adults with visual impairment
* Experience of working with children/young people/adults with SLD/PMLD
* Experience of working with families
* Experience of working with staff in special schools

Terms and Conditions

Please note that the role of AmberPlus practitioner will involve occasional freelance work. *It does not constitute a contract of employment and there is no guarantee of work*. We anticipate that you would work with a maximum of 4–5 different families at any given time. Practitioners will be assigned families according to geographical fit.

Rate of pay: £100 per session. Please note that this fee reflects roughly half a day’s work (the music session itself lasting approx. 2 hours, travel to and from the session, the time required to arrange visits and complete ‘note of visit’ forms after sessions). If a session is cancelled by a family with less than 24 hours’ notice, practitioners will still be paid the session fee.

Notice of termination: the appointment may be terminated by either side with a month’s notice.

Start date: Work would be offered on an ad hoc basis from September 2018 onwards.

How to apply

* + 1. Complete the AmberPlus practitioner application form using the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/K23SIVlpE026ZOqX2>
		2. Write a personal statement (no more than 500 words) indicating why you are interested in the role and how you meet the person specification.
		3. Provide the name, email address and phone number of two individuals who can provide a reference. One of these should be a current/recent employer and the other should ideally be a current/recent client.
		4. Send your personal statement and the details of your two referees to Isabel Bedford, Amberplus@theambertrust.onmicrosoft.com

**The closing date for applications is Thursday 7 June 2018 at 5pm.** Successful applicants will be contacted by the end of June at the latest.

In the event that there is a large number of applicants who satisfy the criteria, we will select a group of practitioners who are the best fit for the role. Other practitioners will be put on a reserve list.

For more information about the role, please contact Isabel Bedford Amberplus@theambertrust.onmicrosoft.com