



The Studio Arts Care Assistant Job Description March 2024

Job Title:	Arts Care Assistant working with people with dementia
Contract Status:	Zero hour
Hours of Work:	Sessions of 3.75 hours
Salary:	£12.50 per hour, £46.87 per session
Location:	The Studio, Royal British Legion Hall, 16 Hall Croft, Beeston NG9 1EL
Reporting to:	The Trustees, Imagine Artsdem Broxtowe CIO

Purpose of the Role: To engage people with dementia and support them to enjoy activities in a stimulating and creative setting.

About the centre: The Studio offers a variety of creative and healthy activities for people with dementia. Our purpose is to support people with dementia to pursue their interests, and to develop new ones, enabled by new technology. Clients are not expected to have any prior experience of the arts. We will tailor a programme to each person's capabilities. The activities may have seasonal themes and will include: painting, sculpture, sketching, woodwork, collage, singing, making music, film screenings, seated exercise, shared reading, puppetry, poetry, art appreciation and gallery visits– plus lots more.

Overview of the role: We are looking for one or two new Arts Care Assistants to support people with dementia at this daycentre designed to meet their needs. This is a pivotal role in providing outstanding care for people with dementia. Ideal applicants will have experience of delivering person-centred care of the highest quality. In addition you will bring a flair for the arts, possibly through your own practice or hobbies.

At The Studio, between 12.30 pm and 4.15pm (Monday) or 9.30 am and 1.15 pm (Tuesday) you will support individuals with dementia to participate in activities tailored to individual needs and tastes. You may also help to prepare and facilitate small group sessions, serve refreshments and keep the premises tidy and attractive. You'll be prepared to undergo training to learn new skills. Successful candidates will be required to undergo a basic Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) check.



Arts Care Assistant Responsibilities

1. Deliver person-centred care of the highest quality as part of a small team
2. Support individuals to implement their care plan and record relevant details
3. Support lead artist to deliver group and individual arts/health interventions
4. Communicate regularly with carers/supporters
5. Plan and lead gentle exercise sessions
6. Assist clients to take refreshments, monitoring nutrition and dietary needs
7. Assist customers to mobilise and also to use the toilet as necessary
8. Maintain an agreeable ambiance and refresh décor within the centre
9. Assess risks and take appropriate actions
10. Adhere to the centre's policies including Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Diversity and Equality etc.

Person Specification

These criteria will be used to shortlist applicants, so please refer to them in your application

Essential

- Demonstrable experience in dementia care, including family caring responsibilities
- Ability and willingness to support people living with dementia in a person-centred way
- Have a genuine interest in creative activities
- Demonstrable excellent communication skills, patience and a sense of humour
- Enjoy working as part of a team

Desirable

- Experience delivering small group activities with older people
- An artistic or creative practice that you can share with our clients – e.g. singing
- NVQ level 2 or above in health and social care
- Comfortable using digital technology (e.g music, video and interactive apps)

Informal enquiries may be made to: Justine@imagineartsdem.co.uk (Tel: 07543 534336)

HOW TO APPLY

Send a **one-page CV and covering letter** highlighting how your qualifications, skills, personal qualities and experience meet the role requirements to: Thestudio@imagineartsdem.co.uk