

Wildcard Theatre Company Ltd
Job Description + Application Form
EDUCATION WORKSHOP FACILITATOR

Managed by:	Tom Crowhurst, Education Coordinator
Location:	Wildcard Studios, 18 Balderton Street, Mayfair, London, W1K 6TG
Terms:	Part-time, freelance contract
Start Date:	Mid-March for Training (Paid plus travel) - Onwards from April*
Duration:	Minimum 1 day per week within School Term timetables
Fee:	£150 per half day (4hrs) - Travel & accommodation fee provided if required

****Please note, this role may be impacted by further COVID restrictions, the timeline and dates may therefore be subject to change.***

Wildcard

Wildcard Theatre Company Ltd is a registered charity, founded in 2015 with a dual purpose: to engage new audiences with unique, innovative work & to nurture emerging artists by providing training opportunities.

We produce thought-provoking work that reaches a varied audience, regardless of background, age, race, sexuality or gender. We show our commitment to emerging artists through the education and talent development programmes we offer, the affordable rehearsal rooms we provide, and the workshops we have delivered with practitioners including: James Graham, Simon Stephens, Anna Jordan, Emma Dennis-Edwards, Donnacadh O'Briain, Oladipo Agboluaje, Ned Bennett, Tanika Gupta, Zia Ahmed and Deirdre O'Halloran. We also facilitate workshops with our audiences, which aim to build participants' confidence to make positive contributions to their communities.

We've produced numerous productions, including *Electrolyte*, which in 2018 was awarded five awards including: the Mental Health Fringe, Pleasance Best Newcomer, Voice Mag Pick of the Fringe & LET Awards. We also won the Stepladder Award, which helped *Electrolyte* tour to 35 venues across the UK & Ireland, playing 69 performances. Other achievements include winning the VAULT Festival Highly Commended Award & having two plays published by Samuel French.

Wildcard is supported by English Touring Theatre's Forge Programme & is an Associate Company of the Pleasance Theatre Trust & The Watermill Theatre. Artistic Director of The Watermill, Paul Hart, stated that "Wildcard is one of the UK's most ambitious companies creating innovative new work on important social issues".

Wildcard Studios

In 2019 Wildcard moved into our new home, Wildcard Studios, 18 Balderton Street in Mayfair, a building that has provided office and education space alongside subsidised rehearsal rooms for emerging artists, creatives & theatre companies. In 2021 Wildcard Studios will be expanded to include dedicated artist/designer workshop spaces and a purpose-built voice-over recording booth.

Workshop Description

This is an adaptable workshop which can take anywhere between fifty minutes and three hours, depending on what is required. It is aimed at young people who have very little or no knowledge of Gig Theatre as a form and is intended to enable participants to understand and experience what Gig Theatre is in a fun, safe and accessible way. In the workshop, the facilitator will work with the participants to help them to understand the foundations of Wildcard's innovative and unique approach to creating Gig Theatre through exercises, games and discussion. Following this, the participants will write a short piece of prose or poetry and play with incorporating music into the piece. By the end of the session, the participants will have created a short piece of Gig Theatre and presented it back to the group. All of our workshops end with a short debrief, which gives an opportunity for anyone to share their experience of the session.

The Role

In accordance with the Wildcard Equality Policy and action plan we are eager to address the imbalances that exist within the creative industry. We welcome applications from all but are particularly interested in hearing from Black African, African Caribbean, South Asian, East Asian, South West Asian, North African, Middle Eastern, Arab or Latinx heritage or those who have been marginalised because of their race.

We also welcome applicants from the deaf or disabled community as well as applicants with dependants.

We are more than happy to consider requests for flexible work arrangements and for any further access requirements. Please do not hesitate to contact with an outline of how we can help: tom@wildcardtheatre.co.uk

We are delighted to offer the Facilitator position in 2021 as part of our new venture in developing an Education Department.

The successful applicant will have:

- A flexible, practical and reactive approach to work
- Excellent communication skills.
- The ability to prioritise, work well under pressure and adapt to new situations
- A 'can-do' attitude and attention to detail
- The ability and willingness to work outside of normal office hours when required
- Excellent organisational skills
- Motivation, to ensure the workshops are the best they can be and not be afraid to bring ideas to help adapt it to the specific needs of different environments.

Required Experience

- A minimum of 1 year as a lead practitioner in an educational environment.
- Grade 5 + or the equivalent in any Instrument

Desirable Experience

- BSL Level 4 certified or above
- Full Clean UK Driving License
- Enhanced DBS up to date
- Have experience in Music Facilitation

Wildcard Education Workshop Facilitator FAQs

Do I need experience as a Facilitator ?

Wildcard's Facilitator position requires you to have at least 1 year as a facilitator in a lead position. We will in the future be looking for assistants and those who are interested in working in education as creative facilitators. For the time being due to the department being brand new, we require the relevant experience specified.

Is there an age limit on the role?

Applicants must be over 18.

I don't live in London. Can I still apply?

Yes, absolutely. We are aiming to make this a national venture and carry out the workshops across all regions of the country. Depending on the requirements of both yourself and the school we will provide travel & accommodation expenses. Training will be held at our Studios in London, in which we will provide both a working day fee & travel expenses.

This is a part time role. Can I have another job at the same time?

Absolutely. We expect to work with the successful candidates to schedule the role alongside their other commitments. We'll arrange your working schedule alongside your availability and the availability of the other facilitators, to make sure you get the most out of the experience. If schedules change we will require enough notice in advance in order to gain cover. We will be sensitive in urgent circumstances that cannot be avoided.

Please follow link for the **APPLICATION FORM**: <https://forms.gle/DHiKjSiPyMvYWLdh6>

Please email alongside the completed form a **COPY OF YOUR CV** to tom@wildcardtheatre.co.uk with "Your Name: Education Workshop Facilitator Application" as the subject line.

All applications must be received by 6pm on Monday 22nd February 2021.

Interviews will be held during the week commencing Monday 1st March 2021.

Thank you.