

Cultural Health Visitor

Deveron Arts is a contemporary arts organisation based in Huntly, a 4000 people strong market town in the north east of Scotland. Here we work with the history, context and identity of the town.

Deveron Arts has no gallery, instead *the town is the venue*: studio, gallery, and stage for artists of all disciplines. We invite them to work and live here from all over the world. For this we use found spaces all over the town and its surrounding areas: supermarkets, pill boxes, churches, garages, to name just a few.

Engaging local people and community in topics of both global and local concern, Deveron Arts works through a 50/50 approach. This brings together artistic and social relationships in an international global network that extends throughout and beyond the geographic boundaries of Huntly.

Our current three year programme explores the concept of Hospitality through the notions of slow travel, food + hosting and conversation + language.

More on Deveron Arts, its artists, project and concepts on www.deveron-arts.com

Cultural Health Visitor Position

The Cultural Health Visitor plays a vital part in the Deveron Arts' team advocating the organisation's outreach work. This is a new position, which has been piloted as a model to become an integral part of Deveron Arts/*the town is the venue* programme in Huntly, Aberdeenshire.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants should download the full application pack from www.deveron-arts.com

Please send:

- a covering letter describing how you would relate your education, training, work experience and any other experience (e.g. voluntary) to the requirements of the post (1 page maximum)
- application form
- one other relevant submission of your choice in electronic format

to: Claudia Zeiske at info@deveron-arts.com.

Please mark clearly 'Cultural Health Visitor Application – your name' in Subject Header.

Applications can be made by e-mail only.

The closing date for completed applications is Sunday 14th April 2013.

Long-listed candidates will be interviewed by skype w/c 15th April.

A second round of interviews will take place at Deveron Arts' office in Huntly, Aberdeenshire w/c 22nd April.



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Job Description

1. The Cultural Health Visitor will explore *cultural health* in the community as a concept and investigate methods of identifying, monitoring and nurturing it within Huntly and the surrounding area.
2. The Cultural Health Visitor will actively mirror some of a NHS Health Visitor's working methods by:
 - Working in partnership with families, individuals and groups
 - Running consultations for individuals and groups
 - Helping people with special needs realise their ideas by listening, supporting and advising
 - Regular talks to local community groups and schools
 - Fostering links with local health service practitioners and with existing schemes that connect culture with health
3. The Cultural Health Visitor should have an understanding of Deveron Arts, the town of Huntly and of individual artists' culture and practice. The Cultural Health Visitor will work with them all to strengthen the existing *the town is the venue* programme by:
 - Collaborating with visiting artists and their themes
 - Developing off-shoot small projects in relation to the programme
 - Educational work with schools and community groups (formal and informal)
 - Providing continuity for Deveron Arts after artists have left by developing projects further and integrating them into the town.

Experience and other requirements

For this project we envisage appointing an individual who has both:

- Experience in developing artistic methods of working with people through socially engaged practice
- A background and/or interest in health and/or community care

Essential:

- Arts or related discipline education to degree level or equivalent
- At least two years experience working in socially engaged art
- Ability to work on own initiative

Desired:

- Experience working with children and young people
- Experience working with special needs groups
- An interest in food and cooking
- An interest in walking and other outdoor activity
- Knowledge of the Scottish Arts network
- Knowledge of the community groups in and around Huntly
- Driving license and own car

Reporting

The Cultural Health Visitor reports to the Director of Deveron Arts, who will also negotiate the project briefs and the training/ plan. **Remuneration:** Fee of £20000- £22000 depending on experience applies.

Starting date: Beginning of May 2013

Hours: Full-time

The postholder will be expected to work flexible hours when events require. Over-time is not paid, but time-off-in-lieu may be given by arrangement with line manager.

Holidays: 32 days per annum including statutory public and bank holidays.

Probation: The post carries a 3 month probationary period.

The position is offered for one year in the first instance.

This job description is a guide to the nature of the work required of the Cultural Health Visitor. It is not wholly comprehensive or restrictive and may be reviewed with the post holder as required.