Creative Venue Technician Apprenticeship

Recruitment Pack
HOME Creative Venue Technician Apprentice

Apprenticeship Description

Job Title –  Creative Venue Technician Apprentice

Team –  HOME Technical Team

Duration –  Full Time, 24 Months
18 months experience and training, plus a 6-month assessment period

Weekly Wage –  £16,016 - £17,076.80 per annum

Working Hours –  40 hours per week

Period of Notice –  1 month will apply to both employer and employee

Holidays –  25 days per year, plus statutory holidays

What is HOME?
HOME is a multi-art centre; we make and show different art forms across our purpose-built building. These include our two theatre spaces which are a platform for playful, daring, new and commissioned theatre work. We have five cinema screens that light up with independent, new, challenging and provocative film and film events. Last, but not least, our three art galleries are home to the very best in contemporary art, with focus on new North West artists and community-based art creation.

HOME is a great space to pop in for a visit, our galleries are free to enter, we have free WiFi, free water available and spaces to sit around the venue. As well as a lovely collection of restaurants and café Bars, across our 3 floors, which offer a varied and delicious menu of food and drink.

What is a Creative Venue Technician?
A Creative Venue Technician helps to set up, operate and remove technical equipment for theatre stages, in art gallery spaces, for cinema’s and other performance spaces and events.

What is an Apprenticeship?
This Creative Venue Technician Apprenticeship is an opportunity to train for the role of a technician within the performing art industry.
What is involved in this Creative Venue Technician Apprenticeship?

We’re looking for someone aged 18 - 24 who is looking for an apprenticeship in the creative industries. You’ll need to have an interest in theatre, film and art and be keen to explore a career in the performing arts. You’ll also need to be interested in finding out more about the work HOME creates and presents.

As member of the Technical Team you will work to support touring shows who are visiting the venue, and companies we work with to create performances and events. In the role you would support the Technical and the Lighting, Sound and Video teams to help deliver the technical needs of a cross-art form venue.

The apprentice will be employed by HOME while the apprenticeship learning will be delivered by the Factory Academy: www.mif.co.uk/thefactory in partnership with the National College of Creative Industries: www.creativeindustries.ac.uk and Access Creative College: www.accesscreative.ac.uk

Key Details;

- You will study for a Level 3 Creative Venue Technician Apprenticeship Standard
- You will work in different areas of HOME including; lighting, sound, stage and video, across our Theatres, Galleries and Cinemas
- Part of the qualification will be achieved by creating a portfolio of evidence demonstrating how the relevant skills have been used in the workplace
- 20% of your working time will be allocated to learning within the CVT apprenticeship. This works out, on average, as one day per working week. However, the time required will be scheduled flexibly to fit in with the colleges and workplaces requirements
- The working week is 35 hours. Throughout the apprenticeship you may be expected to work some evenings and weekends.
- As part of the apprenticeship there may be the opportunity to spend time in the technical departments of other venues
- You will be supported throughout the apprenticeship by a college industry practitioner, HOME staff and the Factory Academy team
Role Description for Creative Venue Technician Apprentice

Purpose

This is an Apprenticeship training role where the successful applicant is expected to remain in post for the duration of the contract and complete the qualifications connected to the apprenticeship programme.

Responsible to: Technical Heads of Department

Main Tasks

- To work closely with the Stage and Lighting, Sound and Video teams in delivery of productions and projects across HOME and across all art forms
- To support the cinema and gallery teams in the delivery of their event programme as and when required
- To be part of a team responsible for the safe and efficient fitting-up, rigging, operation and getting-out of technical equipment
- Working, under supervision, on shows in performance as required
- To work as part of the team responsible for the safe and efficient use of flying systems and other mechanical equipment installed in the building
- To be part of the team responsible for the safe and efficient use of the HOME storage areas, including the workshop and offsite storage
- To build, create and repair props and scenic items as required
- To contribute to the department as a proactive member of the team and to work closely with the Operations Team to ensure the smooth working of our building
- Carry out any other duties deemed relevant to the post by the Technical Heads of Department including working evenings and weekends as appropriate and scheduled in advance

Person Specification

- Interest in the processes that support the running of a contemporary arts centre
- Interest in technical theatre and the delivery of technical requirements for cross-art events
- Happy to work as part of a team
- Good communication skills
- Excellent timekeeping and time management skills
- Organised and motivated
- A pro-active and responsible approach to health and safety requirements
- Comfortable working at height
- Willing, and able, to work irregular hours – evenings, weekends and bank holidays
- Upholding the principles of equality and diversity
Applying for this Apprenticeship

To apply for this apprentice role you must meet the following areas:

- You must be aged 18 to 24 years old at time of application
- You mustn’t already hold a degree level qualification, or above

Applications for this Apprenticeship will be managed by the National Apprenticeship Service (NAS).

To apply for this Apprenticeship please visit the National Apprentice Service using this link: https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-484563

or search the National Apprentice Service using reference number VAC001594378

Please note that we cannot accept letters of interest or CVs sent directly to us.

Deadline for Applications: Thursday 5 Dec 2019

For an informal chat about your application, please contact:
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HOME is an equal opportunities employer, who is actively seeking to employ people currently under-represented in the creative and cultural sector. This includes young people, ethnic minorities and people with disabilities.

Thank you for your interest in this post.