

V22 Workspace Crèche

Nursery / Crèche Practitioner

V22, a well-established art organisation with art studios and workspace across London, seek an experienced Nursery Education Officer to help run our pilot workspace crèche in Dalston. This is an exciting opportunity for a responsible self-motivated practitioner who enjoys working with children and has an entrepreneurial nature. If this workspace crèche is successful we hope to replicate it across our other buildings in London, and the right candidate could play a key role in this development.

The right person for the job will ideally have experience in a busy environment and hold at least a level 3 CCLD or equivalent as well as a valid paediatric first aid certificate. The ideal candidate will be able to inspire, support and guide our children in their development in fun and exciting ways.

Essential Qualities:

Caring and warm-natured.

A high level of multitasking is essential.

Patience and adaptability: if something would normally take 5 minutes to achieve, you must be comfortable with it taking 15 minutes or longer.

The ability to rapidly count the heads of numerous moving small people is of the utmost importance.

Must be able to **laugh at jokes that you don't understand**. Child humour can be a minefield to navigate.

You will preferably have an **affinity with the ridiculous** and a willingness to engage fully in make-believe.

Able to plan effectively for the day/week/month and then abandon all plans to follow children's interests.

You must feel comfortable telling everybody that you are going to use the bathroom.

A high level of comfort being asked personal questions by children is essential. You will regularly be asked what you are having for lunch, if you are willing to share said lunch, whether or not you are married, and if not, why not, where you are going (as you walk to the toilet), and what you did in there (the toilet), etc.

You must be able to remain focused in environments with **high noise levels**.

You must have the ability to read a ten-page fairy tale with at least one interruption per page.

You must be prepared to have a lot of fun in the workplace. Laughter is something you can expect to engage in for a large part of your working day.

In addition:

The ability to sing in tune is not necessary, however the ability to sing in front of a crowd **is**.

Pretending to eat playdough creations realistically - this skill may develop with time and experience.

The ability to remember the names of a number of children, their parents, siblings, grandparents, pets and special soft toys is a key component of this job. Again, this is something that will develop over time.

You must be able to communicate and write to a good standard in English but willing to learn key words in other languages that the children may speak such as French, Italian, Lithuanian and (essentially) Nonsense and Gibberish

Finally, you must be prepared to feel loved, special, and important to many young children and their families. **There is simply no other job quite like this one.**

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Nursery Education Officer /Deputy Crèche Manager

Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications		
1. NVQ Level 3	X	
2. Foundation Food Safety		X
Experience		
3. Working with or caring for children at Foundation Stage, including those who may have special needs or disabilities.	X	
Knowledge		
4. An understanding of early childhood development and learning.	X	
5. First aid training/training as appropriate.		X
6. Understanding of relevant policies/codes of practice and awareness of legislation.	X	
7. Good working knowledge of national/foundation stage curriculum and other basic learning programmes/strategies.	X	
8. An understanding of Child Protection / Safeguarding best practice and procedures.	X	
Skills		
9. Good numeracy and literacy skills.	X	
10. Use of ICT to support learning.	X	
11. Ability to relate well to children and adults.	X	
12. Ability to self-evaluate learning needs and actively seek learning	X	
13. Work constructively as part of a team, understanding roles and responsibilities and own position within these.	X	
14. Display commitment to the protection and safeguarding of children and young people.	X	
15. To be creative with everyday resources	X	

Salary: £20-24,000 per annum

Please Note:

This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (1974) and does require an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check. Applicants must be prepared to disclose any convictions they may have and any orders which have been made against them. Applicants will be required to undertake a Declaration that neither they nor anyone who lives in the same household as the applicant or who lives at their address, is a disqualified person under the Childcare (Disqualification) Regulations 2009.

Please email your CV and a covering letter to thomas@v22collection.com by 29/09/2017.

Please, if you can, attend our open day on Friday 22nd September 2017 9am-noon.

Interviews will be held on Friday afternoons in September or early October.

V22 is an equal opportunities and London Living Wage employer.

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