



JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE Theatre Academy Practitioner (Freelance Contract)

MAIN RELATIONSHIPS Youth Theatre Coordinator, Theatre Academy Assistants, Duty Managers

INTRODUCTION

Launched in January 2023, Taunton Brewhouse Theatre Academy offers young people the opportunity to learn, perform and explore theatre together. The workshops will have a termly focus and have a multitude of benefits available to the participants.

Some of the benefits we offer young people include:

- Ticket offers to some of our most exciting visiting productions
- Opportunities to represent the venue at events within the local community
- Exclusive discounts to theatre-related workshops delivered as part of the Youth Theatre Programme
- Performance opportunities, including the chance to audition for our annual Christmas Production and National Theatre Connections

Taunton Brewhouse Theatre Academy takes place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays during term time, with each term including 10 sessions per term.

This vacancy is exclusively for **Tuesdays** with opportunity to pick up additional shifts on Wednesdays & Thursdays where cover might be required.

The schedule for this vacancy is as follows:

TUESDAYS	
17:00 to 18:00	Group 1 (5yrs-9yrs)
18:10 to 19:40	Group 3 (11yrs-13yrs)
19:45 to 21:30	Group 4 (13yrs-15yrs)

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- To plan and deliver regular sessions, predominantly working with Group 1, Group 3 & Group 4
- To ensure that Safeguarding and other relevant policies are understood and always followed
- To act as a mentor for all participants of varying needs, knowledge and experience
- To always act in the best interests of Taunton Brewhouse



PERSON SPECIFICATION

ESSENTIAL

- Evidence of previous experience leading or assisting young people's projects in an arts context
- Experience working with a range of individuals with various access, support and medical needs
- A commitment to accessibility and inclusion in the arts
- Excellent time management skills
- Access to own transport to and from the venue
- Due to the nature of this role, the successful candidate must be aged 18+

DESIRABLE

- Based in the South West of England
- A minimum of two years' professional arts experience
- Experience of directing scripted and devised productions
- Knowledge of current social, political, and cultural issues which impact young people
- Knowledge of Taunton and the surrounding areas
- Previous experience of working within regional theatre venues
- Experience of providing career-specific guidance to young people
- An arts-related qualification at Level 3 or above
- Willingness to undergo an Enhanced DBS Clearance
- Chaperone Licence



TERMS & CONDITIONS

RATE OF PAY	£106.25 to £127.50 day rate per Tuesday (Depending on Experience) <i>(inclusive of preparation and delivery)</i>
NI & TAX	The successful applicant must be registered as self-employed and is fully responsible for paying all relevant contributions to HMRC
TERM	Freelance Contract
INITIAL DATES	Tuesday 2 December 2025 Tuesday 9 December 2025 Tuesday 16 December 2025 Tuesday 13 January 2026 Tuesday 20 January 2026 Tuesday 27 January 2026 Tuesday 3 February 2026 Tuesday 10 February 2026 Tuesday 24 February 2026 Tuesday 3 March 2026 Tuesday 10 March 2026 Tuesday 17 March 2026 Tuesday 24 March 2026

(an earlier or later start date can be agreed with the successful candidate and occasional dates can be covered if the successful candidate has pre-booked commitments)

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please submit a covering letter (two pages maximum) and CV via email to abbie@tauntonbrewhouse.co.uk by midnight on **24 October 2025** with the subject as **Theatre Practitioner Vacancy**. In the event a suitable candidate is found before the application deadline advertised, Taunton Brewhouse reserves the right to close the vacancy early.

This vacancy will have a two-stage interview process. The initial stage will be an interview with the Youth Theatre Coordinator and one other member of staff.

If your first-round interview is successful, you will then be invited to a second-round where you will be invited to lead a 30-minute practical session with participants demonstrating your facilitation skills.

If you wish to have an informal conversation or have any questions before applying, please contact Abbie (Youth Theatre Coordinator) via abbie@tauntonbrewhouse.co.uk.