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WYSING ARTS CENTRE ACCESSIBILITY STEERING GROUP

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Wysing Arts Centre has been running for 30 years and our aim is to develop new ways to support artists. We enable art and ideas to reach a wide range of people. We work closely with other arts organisations around the country to support the work of artists.

We are a National Portfolio Organisation, which means that we are funded by Arts Council England.

At Wysing, we want to improve our accessibility. We would like to invite d/Deaf, disabled and neurodivergent people to participate in meetings with us. At these meetings, we will talk to people with different experiences about how we can improve access. We will call these meetings 'Accessibility Steering Group'.

We will pay people to attend these meetings with us.

We understand that the term disabled can itself be problematic, but for now is widely accepted.

(Neurodivergent means that the brain functions, learns and processes information differently. Neurodivergence includes ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia and Dyspraxia.)

What we want to do:

- We want our work to be accessible to people with a range of impairments
- We want to reduce barriers as much as we can
- We want to make it easier for disabled people to engage with us without having to ask for adaptations
- We want to become a Disability Confident accredited Leader

Who we are looking for

We are looking for people who:

- Identifies as d/Deaf, disabled or neurodivergent
- An understanding of the work Wysing does
- Ability to think differently, or creatively
- The ability to talk in a group and share your experience
- An understanding of [Wysing's Code of Conduct](#)
- An interest in the arts

About the meetings – the Accessibility Steering Group

There will be 6 meetings between now and March 2022.

Each meeting will last approximately 2 hours and will be held online via Zoom. We will discuss your needs with you before the meetings.

We will do our best to find meeting times that work for the whole group.

We know that some people might not be able to commit to a full year of participation. We may ask for new people to join the group later on.

The group will be asked to talk about Wysing's work. This could include:

- Events we host online
- Our exhibition events
- How we support artists

What will I be paid?

Each person will be paid £250 for attending a two hour meeting and providing feedback.

If you can participate in all six meetings, you will earn a fee of £1500.

How much time will I need to give?

Six meetings of 2 hours, over the course of a year. 12 hours total.

Some time expected for email, phone or Zoom correspondence to plan meeting dates.

How do I get involved?

Please send us a short video or a letter (1-2 pages) which explains why you would like to join the group and what experience you could share with us.

You should send your letter or video to Ceri Littlechild by email.

Please apply by 5pm on 14th May 2021.

If you have questions, you can also talk to Ceri before you apply.

Contact Details

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