FREELANCE JOB OPPORTUNITY: ART-INTEGRATED FACILITATOR

Organisation: Awaken Genius Alternative Education CIC

Role Type: Freelance / Rota Basis (Saturdays, term time only and scheduled retreat dates)

Hours: 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM (plus full/half days for scheduled retreats)

Day Rate: £180 per Saturday (separate day rates apply for day retreats)

Location: Somerford Grove Adventure Playground, Northumberland Park, London

Target Group: A dedicated cohort of 14–16 at-risk Black children (ages 7–11, Years 4–6) and their parents/guardians. This programme is a structured three-year programme to prepare children for adolescence.

ABOUT AWAKEN GENIUS

Awaken Genius is an alternative education Community Interest Company (CIC) dedicated to safeguarding vulnerable children from school exclusions, pupil referral units, and emotional distress. Rooted in the Ubuntu philosophy — "I am because we are" — we build safe, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive learning environments that bridge the gap between home, school, and community.

We recognise that successful learning is inextricably bound to emotional wellbeing. By integrating holistic therapeutic practices with academic development, we provide families with the tools to heal, learn, and grow together, establishing wellbeing as the absolute foundation for lifelong success.

THE ROLE

We are seeking a passionate, creative, and trauma-informed Freelance Art-Integrated Facilitator to join our multidisciplinary team on a flexible rota basis.

Rather than teaching in isolation, you will work within a holistic ecosystem, teaching core academic subjects alongside emotional regulation to help children heal and build long-term resilience alongside their parents and guardians.

THE TEAM & SESSION STRUCTURE

You will operate within a highly integrated, supportive team designed to hold a safe space for our families.

• The Rota Team: You will collaborate with and rotate sessions alongside other Art-Integrated Teachers, an Educational Psychologist, and our specialised Art-Integrated Facilitator to ensure comprehensive support.

• Therapeutic Integration: Dedicated Art Therapists representing varying art modalities (visual arts, drama, movement, music) deliver the final session of our Saturdays to facilitate deeper emotional integration and healing.

• Comprehensive Training: Before you begin, you will receive robust, comprehensive training developed by our educational experts, focusing deeply on trauma-informed practice, nervous system regulation, and delivery best practices.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

• Art-Integrated Teaching: Deliver bespoke lessons on a rota basis, integrating creative arts, movement, storytelling, and somatic practices to teach core subjects (Numeracy and Literacy).

• Facilitate Intergenerational Resilience: Lead collaborative activities where children participate alongside parents/carers, guiding parents to model positive self-regulation in real time so families heal and grow together within this three-year transition window.

• Support Wrap-Around Care & Retreats: Actively contribute to our broader wrap-around services by co-planning and delivering creative, art-integrated educational workshops during our immersive Family Wellbeing Day Retreats, ensuring continuous high-quality engagement for the cohort.

• Collaborate with Specialists: Work in lockstep with our Educational Psychologist and Art-Integrated Facilitator to identify and support the unique emotional and educational needs of the cohort.

• Support Therapeutic Transitions: Coordinate smoothly with visiting Art Therapists who deliver the final therapeutic portion of the sessions.

WHO YOU ARE

• Qualified & Passionate: You hold a teaching qualification (QTS or equivalent) or have extensive experience delivering creative primary education.

• Collaborative Team Player: You thrive in a multidisciplinary setting and are eager to co-deliver alongside psychologists, facilitators, and therapists.

• Artistic & Kinetic Educator: You bring numeracy and literacy to life using creative, non-traditional, and physical activities.

• Trauma-Informed: You have experience supporting vulnerable, at-risk, or marginalised children, with a deep understanding of the systemic challenges faced by Black families.

• Committed to Somatic Well-being: You appreciate the importance of the mind-body connection, somatic therapy, and restorative spaces like day retreats in building true, sustainable family resilience.

WHAT WE OFFER

• A collaborative, multidisciplinary environment where your educational practice is supported by mental health and therapeutic professionals.

• Comprehensive, expert-led training in trauma-informed education and culturally responsive pedagogy.

• A flexible rota that allows you to balance this impactful work with other professional commitments.

• A vibrant, trusted delivery space at the Somerford Grove Adventure Playground.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, please send your CV and cover letter to:

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