FREELANCE JOB OPPORTUNITY:

HCPC-REGISTERED CREATIVE ARTS THERAPIST

Organisation: Awaken Genius Alternative Education C.I.C.
Company Registration Number: 09922447

Role Type: Freelance / Self-employed
Working Pattern: Saturdays during term time, plus scheduled retreat dates
Session Time: Typically 11:30 am–1:00 pm
Session Fee: £70–£100 per 90-minute session, depending on experience and qualifications. Separate half-day and full-day rates apply for scheduled retreats.
Location: Somerford Grove Adventure Playground, Northumberland Park, London
Target Group: Black children aged 8–11 (Years 4–6) and their parents or guardians, participating in a structured three-year primary-to-secondary school transition programme.

About Awaken Genius

Awaken Genius Alternative Education C.I.C. is a community-focused organisation dedicated to supporting children and families affected by educational exclusion, emotional distress and systemic barriers.

Rooted in the Ubuntu philosophy — *"I am because we are"* — we aim to create safe, trauma-informed and culturally responsive environments that bridge home, school and community.

We recognise that emotional wellbeing is fundamental to learning, healthy relationships and personal development. Through creative therapeutic practices and family-centred support, we help children and families build resilience, strengthen relationships and develop the foundations for lifelong wellbeing.

About the Role

We are seeking an experienced, compassionate and culturally responsive **HCPC-registered Creative Arts Therapist** to deliver therapeutic sessions as part of our Saturday programme.

The successful applicant must hold an appropriate professional qualification in a relevant HCPC-regulated discipline, such as **Art Psychotherapy, Dramatherapy or Music Therapy**, and maintain current registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

Working with Black children aged 7–11 and their parents or guardians, you will provide a safe and supportive therapeutic space where families can explore emotions, strengthen relationships and develop strategies for navigating educational transitions and the impact of adversity.

You will also contribute to scheduled Family Wellbeing Day Retreats and collaborate with our multidisciplinary team to support joined-up, child-centred care.

Key Responsibilities

1. Therapeutic Delivery

Plan and deliver structured 90-minute therapeutic sessions during the Saturday programme.

Use appropriate creative arts therapy methods to support emotional expression, reflection, regulation and personal development.

Adapt therapeutic approaches to the developmental needs and circumstances of children and families.

2. Child and Family Support

Support children and parents or carers to explore emotions, improve communication and strengthen family relationships.

Where clinically appropriate, facilitate parent-child therapeutic work and group-based activities.

Promote emotional safety, resilience and positive relationships throughout the programme.

3. Trauma-Informed and Culturally Responsive Practice

Apply trauma-informed, anti-discriminatory and culturally responsive approaches.

Recognise the potential effects of racial inequality, systemic barriers, educational exclusion and other adverse experiences on children and families.

Deliver practice that respects each family's identity, experiences, strengths and needs.

4. Family Wellbeing Retreats

Plan and facilitate agreed therapeutic workshops and creative activities during scheduled retreats.

Contribute to family-centred wellbeing sessions and therapeutic group activities.

Agree retreat responsibilities, preparation requirements and fees in advance.

5. Multidisciplinary Collaboration

Work collaboratively with teachers, programme facilitators, the educational psychologist and other relevant professionals.

Contribute to appropriate programme planning and professional discussions.

Support continuity of care while maintaining clear therapeutic boundaries and respecting confidentiality.

6. Clinical Governance and Safeguarding

Maintain appropriate, accurate and secure clinical records in accordance with professional standards and data protection requirements.

Follow safeguarding procedures, information-sharing protocols and organisational policies.

Maintain professional boundaries and respond appropriately to concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing.

Work within HCPC standards, professional codes of conduct and the limits of your competence.

7. Supervision and Continuing Professional Development

Maintain regular clinical supervision with a suitably qualified supervisor appropriate to your discipline.

Participate in agreed programme planning, reflective practice and relevant multidisciplinary meetings.

Maintain professional registration and continuing professional development requirements.

Essential Requirements

Applicants must:

Hold a recognised professional qualification in an HCPC-regulated creative arts therapy discipline, such as Art Psychotherapy, Dramatherapy or Music Therapy.

Hold **current HCPC registration** relevant to their professional discipline and scope of practice.

Have relevant experience working therapeutically with children, preferably in schools, community settings or children's and family services.

Demonstrate a sound understanding of child safeguarding, confidentiality, professional boundaries and ethical practice.

Be able to deliver safe, developmentally appropriate and trauma-informed therapeutic interventions.

Demonstrate cultural responsiveness and an understanding of the experiences of Black children and families, including racialised trauma, systemic barriers and educational exclusion.

Be committed to regular clinical supervision and continuing professional development.

Be able to work independently as a self-employed practitioner while collaborating effectively with a multidisciplinary team.

- Have the right to work in the UK and be willing to complete the required safer recruitment checks.

Experience in family therapy, parent-child work, group facilitation or intergenerational therapeutic practice would be an advantage.

Application and Compliance Requirements

Applicants should submit:

- An up-to-date CV outlining relevant qualifications, HCPC registration, professional experience and experience working with children and families.
- A cover letter explaining their suitability for the role and their approach to culturally responsive, trauma-informed practice.
- Names and contact details for two professional referees.
- Evidence of relevant qualifications and current HCPC registration.
- Confirmation of their right to work in the UK, with supporting documentation where required.
- Details of current Enhanced DBS clearance, including Update Service status where applicable, or willingness to undertake the appropriate checks.
- Evidence of appropriate professional indemnity insurance and any other professional cover required for the work.

Appointment will be subject to satisfactory references, verification of qualifications and HCPC registration, appropriate safeguarding and safer recruitment checks, and confirmation of relevant insurance.

Freelance Terms and Remuneration

This is a **freelance, self-employed opportunity**, not an employed position.

- **Sessional fee:** £70–£100 per 90-minute session, depending on experience and qualifications.
- **Working pattern:** Saturdays during term time, with additional dates for scheduled retreats.
- **Retreat fees:** Separate half-day and full-day rates, agreed in advance.
- **Supervision:** The practitioner is responsible for maintaining appropriate clinical supervision and meeting their professional obligations.
- **Availability:** The successful applicant must be able to commit to agreed programme dates and communicate any changes promptly.

The final fee will be agreed with the successful applicant before work commences, taking account of experience, qualifications, responsibilities and the requirements of the programme.

What We Offer

Meaningful community impact: An opportunity to support children and families through a significant educational transition.

Collaborative practice: Work alongside educational psychologists, teachers and experienced programme facilitators.

Programme coordination: Administrative support with scheduling and delivery arrangements.

Creative therapeutic practice: An opportunity to contribute specialist expertise to a developing, family-centred wellbeing programme.

Reflective collaboration: Opportunities for appropriate multidisciplinary discussion and shared learning.

How to Apply

Please send your CV and cover letter to:

Email: info@awakengenius.org
Website: www.awakengenius.org
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Email subject: Freelance HCPC-Registered Creative Arts Therapist

We welcome applications from suitably qualified, HCPC-registered practitioners who share our commitment to culturally responsive, trauma-informed and child-centred practice.

Awaken Genius Alternative Education C.I.C. is committed to safeguarding children and promoting their welfare. All appointments will be subject to appropriate safer recruitment procedures and safeguarding checks.