

Freelance Educator Opportunities

Hazard Alley is looking for qualified and experienced educators to help us deliver our outreach service into primary schools mostly and also to deliver sessions in our centre classrooms.



The Safety Centre, better known as Hazard Alley, teaches children how to stay safe. Children aged 6 to 12 visit the centre to go on tours of our immersive and interactive safety village accompanied by our volunteer guides. In addition we teach workshop sessions at the centre and also go out into local schools to deliver sessions on themes including internet safety, knife crime, safety around drugs & alcohol, as well as gas safety and carbon monoxide. You can find out more here: www.safetycentre.co.uk

As we're a charity, we're funded to deliver many of our sessions by organisations such as Thames Valley Police, Cadent Gas, & the Gas Safe Charity but schools also pay for sessions too. There's more information about the sessions we offer in the accompanying leaflet.

We're looking for freelancers to join the team and help us to deliver our programme. You should be a qualified teacher or higher level teaching assistant and have experience of working with children in primary schools and / or other educational settings such as museums, arts centres, or environmental education programmes. It's essential that you have a passion for teaching and enthusiasm to deliver sessions that engage children in thinking about their own and their families' safety and taking responsibility for themselves.

Full training will be given in how to deliver a session for each programme and team teaching will be offered alongside our School Liaison Officer as part of the training as high quality delivery is vitally important to us. We're looking for one or more people to join us to create a small team that we can book to deliver sessions on an ad hoc basis depending on funding, programmes and your availability.

You must be willing to undergo an enhanced DBS check or provide evidence of a recent satisfactory check, have a clean driving licence, have use of a car in good working order, and be covered for business use on your car insurance. Travel expenses will be paid in addition to your workshop fee. Fees will vary between about £90 (half day) & £160 (whole day) and will include setting up, delivery, clearing away and travelling time. Workshops last between 75 minutes and 2 hours and you could be delivering more than one in a day at the same school. You will also need your own public liability insurance cover as well as indemnity insurance.

We could be sending you out to schools across Milton Keynes, Bucks, Herts, Northants & Beds so you will need to be comfortable with lone working and confident to find your way literally into the classroom and build a rapport with everyone straight away from the receptionist at the front desk to the class of children you will be working with.

We also deliver sessions to parents and teachers when required so some additional evening working could be available if you would be confident to deliver sessions to adults as well as children.

Evaluating sessions and reporting back to funders is key so we would expect you to participate in data collection and to record information about sessions delivered, numbers taking part, satisfaction ratings by teachers and so on. Ability to use excel spreadsheets or other data collection methods is a must.



HOW TO APPLY

If this opportunity fires you up and you think you meet the criteria please send a brief CV along with a covering letter explaining why you are right for this opportunity to Jo Green, Director, at jo@safetycentre.co.uk.

We're accepting applications on a rolling basis and will invite you for an informal interview if we wish to take your application further. This might be face to face or on a video conferencing platform, depending on circumstances.

You can see Hazard Alley on the virtual reality model accessible from the Discover page of our website if you haven't visited us before – www.safetycentre.co.uk . If we do face to face interviews at the centre we can show you around too.

If you would like to chat about the opportunity first, please drop Jo a line with a contact telephone number and she'll arrange a call as the centre isn't open every day at present. It might be Jo or Katherine, our School Liaison Officer, who gives you a ring to chat things through.