

## JOB DESCRIPTION

# Technical Apprentice Role

### THEATR BRYCHEINIOG CYF

Theatr Brycheiniog is mid Wales' principal civic space for Theatre, the Arts and Culture. We present inclusive and diverse arts programmes through a high-quality and unique visitor experience (that is currently being redeveloped). We engage, entertain and challenge audiences.

The Theatr is situated in Brecon, within the national park, and boasts impressive attendance and visitor numbers. We host a wide-ranging offer, of both professional and community partners' work, in the 470 seat (or 600 standing) flexible theatre auditorium, large studio space, 2nd floor gallery, 1st floor theatre bar, and canal side café with soon to be created shop & ticketing centre.

Our vision is to inspire everyone; enriching people's lives as mid-Wales' principal civic space for Theatre, the Arts and Culture.

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Department:	Technical Team
Post Title:	Technical Apprentice Role
Post Ref:	TB HOU HK
Grade:	£5.22 per hour (£9,500 p/a)
Based at:	Theatr Brycheiniog
Hours:	35 hours per week
Responsible to:	Technical Manager, Theatre Director, Duty Manager as appropriate.



Theatr Brycheiniog's café and public spaces refurbishment project has been made possible through a grant from European Social Funds through WCVA and ACW joining the programme through their capital programmes.

## **SUMMARY SCHEME PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER - WALES MILLENNIUM CENTRE**

Wales Millennium Centre has developed an outstanding reputation for delivering artistic excellence and amazing entertainment, showcasing the very best of Wales to the world and bringing the very best of the world to Wales.

## **TECHNICAL APPRENTICE HOST VENUE - THEATR BRYCHEINIOG**

Theatr Brycheiniog is a fully accessible purpose-built theatre and centre for the arts with a proscenium arch main house, seating up to 470 or a standing capacity of 600, with rehearsal studio/function space, gallery, bar and popular café. The Theatr is well-served by modern backstage access, well equipped dressing rooms, a large workshop, administration offices and a meeting room in addition to its picturesque setting.

The Theatr presents a year round programme of multi-disciplinary artforms and enjoys a good reputation as a mid-scale receiving theatre including long-term relationships with significant community groups and is a venue for the annual Brecon Jazz Festival and home to the Brecon Baroque Festival.

The building is on the Brecon Canal Basin adjoining the outside wharf and is one of the most visited locations in the Brecon Beacons National Park.

## **PURPOSE OF POST**

Theatr Brycheiniog is seeking a suitable candidate to take part in the Technical Apprentice scheme operated throughout Wales by the Wales Millennium Centre.

The Wales Millennium Centre will train and develop skills in technical theatre production, such as sound, lighting and technical stage management.

The successful candidate will be based at Theatr Brycheiniog but employed by the Wales Millennium Centre. Interviews will be held at Theatr Brycheiniog.

### **Technical Apprentice Scheme**

This scheme is intended to allow candidates to develop their existing skills in a real-world environment and prepare them for full time employment in the theatre industry. It is operated in conjunction with Cardiff & Vale College, who will be the further education provider for the qualification side of the apprenticeship – a Level 3 Certificate in Technical Theatre: Sound, Light and Stage.

There will be an induction week in Cardiff, and potentially other weeks in Cardiff for industry standard 'off the job' training, provided by the Association of British Theatre Technicians (and other providers). Accommodation in Cardiff can be provided. There may also be scope for apprentices to swap venues from time to time, to broaden their experience.

## **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Select and use safe systems of work for working at height
- Use tools and equipment for construction or maintenance
- Clean up own work area
- Provide crewing during get-ins, fit-ups and get-outs
- Operate sound for a live performance
- Crew an ongoing production
- Plan lighting requirements for a production
- Set-up and check sound equipment
- Operate lighting for a live performance.
- Operate a follow spot for a live performance.

## RECRUITMENT PROCESS

Your application and covering letter are our first point of contact with you. They are judged solely on merit and are our means of shortlisting candidates for interview. Please ensure all questions are answered clearly and succinctly but as fully as possible.

We strongly advise that you carefully read the Role Profile before you complete your application form. This document includes a detailed list of the duties for the role and the essential and desirable criteria we are looking for.

Please complete the application form thoroughly. Forms which are not thoroughly completed are not acceptable and you will be discounted from the shortlisting process.

Please do not send CVs by themselves in place of the application form. As part of our recruitment process, an application form needs to be completed. Of course, you are quite welcome to enclose CVs with your application form, along with any other documents, videos or information you may feel are relevant.

## THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Unsociable hours
- Successful applicants will be offered a full-time (35-hours) 12-month fixed term contract.
- The working hours of a Theatre Technician vary from week-to-week, it really depends on the demands of the production they are working on.
- This is not a 9am - 5pm role. One week you could be doing maintenance, a different one-nighter every evening the next and then nine shows of the same production the week after.
- Technicians frequently work late into the night including some overnight shifts for get outs (productions packing up and leaving).
- We encourage applicants to really think hard about whether this type of work is suitable for them as friends and family will often work completely different hours which can affect your social life.
- Getting to work
- Like any role, you need to think about getting to and from work. Theatr Brycheiniog is situated in the town of Brecon in Powys. Brecon is on various bus routes but the closest train stations are Merthyr Tydfil (20 miles) or Abergavenny (22 miles) from the theatre's location.
- There are frequent buses to and from surrounding towns and villages but public transport may not be as frequent as it is in major cities so please be mindful of this.
- Being organised
- In addition to your role, you will also need to complete some practical assessments which are essential to the apprenticeship. You cannot complete the apprenticeship and gain certification without them.

We expect you to be fully committed to every aspect of the programme, show willing at all tasks and to manage your deadlines. Failure is all part of the learning process but it's how you react to that which is important, but rest assured you will have a strong support network behind you.

## WHO CAN APPLY?

Anyone 18 or over can apply. All we ask is that you have a good attitude, live within a reasonable distance of participating venues and are ready to start an exciting career in technical theatre!

There are no minimum qualifications, but we strongly encourage those without formal education to apply.

This programme is not suitable for anyone still studying so if you're part way through a course and would need to return to studying after the apprenticeship, you are not eligible.

THIS PLACEMENT CAN'T BE UNDERTAKEN AS A WORK PLACEMENT AS PART OF YOUR COURSE