Community Based Creative Health Associates (4 positions)

Reference:	EHA2548-0224
Salary:	£27,181 - £29,605 per annum, pro rata Grade 5, Points 19–22
Contract Type:	Fixed Term Contract for 36 months
Hours	Part Time (18.12 hours per week)
Location	To be confirmed – Merseyside, Lancashire and South Cumbria
Accountable to:	Head of Research
Reporting to:	Principal Investigator/Research Project Manager

About the Role

The post holders will be part of the thriving Research Centre for Arts and Wellbeing at Edge Hill University working on a UKRI funded study, following on from extensive research on the Arts for the Blues project and related research activities.

This study aims to generate new, scalable evidence concerning:
(A) how to access arts activities that best support the mental health of children and young people.
(B) how to evaluate arts activities that meet the diverse mental health needs of children and young people.
(C) how to maximise the benefit of arts activities for as many children and young people as possible.

The project will involve the use of a digital platform where evidence-based local arts activities will become easily accessible for children and young people, their families, relevant organisations and services.

The Creative Health Associates will be seconded to a community organisation working closely with the research team on the one hand and children, young people and their families on the other to help with co-producing the content of this platform that will enable access to place-based arts initiatives. Whilst based in a community organisation, they will liaise with NHS trusts, schools and community organisations encouraging collaboration within and across systems, enabling the development and testing of an agreed evaluation framework of best practice in arts activities including arts and health and arts therapies projects and services. They will work closely with the local community, engaging in mapping exercises, evaluation and training.

Duties and Responsibilities

The post holder will be expected to:

a) Data collection: assist research team with data collection employing relevant research methods guided by the PI and the postgraduate research fellow relevant to the local organisations in their locality.

b) Data processing and analysis: support the team with analysing specific data sets as requested and guided by the PI and postdoctoral research fellow.

c) Presentation of results. Contribute to the presentation of results of research to internal groups/PI. Draft reports through appropriate word processing and data presentation software.

d) Literature searches. To undertake scoping surveys of bibliographic databases and literature search engines informed by up-to-date information on related research. Develop an understanding of a range of literature and gaps in literature.

e) Project administration. Some administration of projects under the supervision of the line manager, with responsibility for own areas of the project. Seek guidance when appropriate from PI and the postdoctoral research fellow.

f) Attending and contributing to research team meetings.

g) Become an active member of organisation they are seconded to.

h) Initiating and, where appropriate, lead internal networks to facilitate collaborative decision-making, fostering engagement to the project's activities.

i) Adherence to the University's research governance framework.

j) Contributing to the production of bids for research funding.

k) Provision of support for consultancy, research and evaluation activities, and the public engagement events.

a) To make a positive contribution to activities of the Research Centre for Arts and Wellbeing.

In addition to the above all Edge Hill University staff are required to:

a) Adhere to all Edge Hill's policies and procedures, including Equality and Diversity and Health and Safety.

b) Respect confidentiality: all confidential information should be kept in confidence and not released to unauthorised persons.

c) Undertake appropriate learning and development activities as required.

d) Participate in Edge Hill's Performance Review and Development Scheme.

e) Adhere to Edge Hill University's environmental policy and guidelines and undertake tasks in a sustainable manner.

f) Demonstrate excellent Customer Care in dealing with all customers.

g) Act professionally at all times, being an ambassador of Edge Hill University to the local community.

Eligibility

Candidates should note that shortlisting will be based on information provided on the application form with regard to the applicant's ability to meet the criteria outlined in the Person Specification attached.

Internal staff wishing to apply for a fixed term role as a secondment opportunity must discuss this with their existing line manager before applying.

It is important to note that the successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced disclosure for you from the Disclosure and Barring Service and that this will form part of the conditions of offer of employment.

Please note that applications will be assessed against the Person Specification using the following criteria, therefore, applicants should provide evidence of their ability to meet all criteria.

Methods of Assessment include Application Form (A), Supporting Statement (S), Interview (I), Test (T) & Presentation (P).

		Essential	Desirable	Method of assessment (A/S/I/T/P)
Qualifications				
1.	Qualified to degree standard in relevant subject area	*		A
2.	Postgraduate qualification (in arts and health or arts therapies)		*	A
Experience and Knowledge				
3.	Experience of carrying out comprehensive literature reviews	*		S/I
4.	Experience of development of research design and data collection using identified methods	*		S/I
5.	Experience of high-quality report writing	*		S
6.	Experience of working in community, clinical or educational settings	*		A
7.	Experience in the use of appropriate software for data analysis	*		S/T
Abilities and Skills				
8.	Demonstrate high level skills in the use of Microsoft Office, particularly Excel, Word and the production of databases	*		S/T
9.	Able to work on own initiative, independently as well as part of a team	*		S/I
10.	Able to organise and prioritise work effectively demonstrating flexibility and reliability to meet required deadlines	*		S/I
11.	Able to work with integrity and manage effectively research data	*		S/I
12.	Excellent communication skills both oral and written	*		S/I
13.	A willingness and ability to travel	*		S/I

How to Apply

When you are ready to start the formal application process, please visit our Current Vacancies page and click 'vacancies', search for the role you wish to apply for, and click 'Apply Online'. The online application form can be completed in stages and can be revisited at any time. The form automatically saves as you enter your information, and it is simple to move backwards and forwards throughout at any time prior to submission. Help is available at each stage to guide you through the form. Before final submission, you can preview your application and can then choose to refine or submit the form.

Please refer to the advert for the closing date for this vacancy, all applications must be submitted by 11.59pm on this date. Following the closing date, we will contact you by email to let you know whether or not you have been shortlisted to participate in the next stage of the selection process. We try our best to inform all applicants within two working weeks following the closing date.

Application > Shortlisting > Interview > Outcome

For informal enquiries about this vacancy, you may wish to contact: Prof Vicky Karkou, Director of Research Centre for Arts & Wellbeing, karkouv@edgehill.ac.uk or Dr Shaun Liverpool, Senior Lecturer in Child & Adolescent Mental Health & Wellbeing, liverpos@edgehill.ac.uk

At Edge Hill University we value the benefits a rich and diverse workforce brings to our community and therefore welcome applications from all sections of society.