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Job Title: Tutor – Illustration (Short Courses programme)

Reports to: Short Courses Manager

Contract: Wednesdays, 7pm – 9pm (starting September 2024)

Pay: £31.31/hour (teaching hours only – 30 weeks per academic year)

Location: North Junction Street Campus

Leith School of Art, Edinburgh was established in 1988 as an independent college of the visual arts and has built an outstanding reputation for hands-on tuition and an inclusive community ethos. We are passionate about teaching art and design and our students thrive in our dynamic, creative and inspiring learning environment.

We operate as a charity aiming to encourage and welcome all those who want to learn about art and design, irrespective of age, ability or personal circumstances and to provide bursaries for those whose financial situation would otherwise deny them access.

The successful candidate will join our growing team and make an important contribution to the life of the School as we move into an exciting new phase of development.

Course Information:

Illustration today offers an exciting array of possibilities for creative outcomes including children's books, illustration for magazines, newspapers, graphic novels and illustration for design.

This course is ideal for students wishing to explore the potential of illustration as a means of visual storytelling and creative expression including those who wish to explore the possibilities of the field for the first time.

Drawing and experimentation are the starting point for learning and as a means of exploring the creative and narrative potential of illustration. The course will explore how illustrators work to a brief, respond to a text, and use different illustrative studio and mixed media techniques to convey information, atmosphere and character.

Each term is structured through a series of exercises designed to facilitate ideas and to build confidence and supported by reference to contextual sources and leading examples of Illustration practice.

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Post

The post holder will teach the Illustration Short course on Wednesdays, teaching two hours per week from 7pm until 9pm. Tutors are expected to help set-up the studios from 6pm and clear-up at the end of the day. Lectures, course preparation and occasional meetings are to be undertaken outside of teaching hours.

The Illustration evening course is new to the Short Courses programme and the post holder will have the opportunity to shape the course content according to their interests and experience. Please note the course will be taught in our drawing and painting studios without access to a computer suite.

Responsibilities

- Work in liaison with line management, relevant support staff and administrators towards effective delivery of the course
- Set up the studio and materials before students arrive
- Clear up studios at the end of the day
- Plan, prepare and deliver high-quality teaching and learning materials, renewing content for each term
- Employ a range of teaching strategies including demonstrations, illustrated lectures, one-to-one tutorials and peer group learning
- Introduce students to a range of materials, methods and processes
- Develop a supportive learning environment enabling students to build their confidence and skills
- Work with students to select pieces for School exhibitions
- Attend staff training, School exhibitions and meetings with your line manager
- Photograph the studios and students' work for promotional purposes
- Contribute to marketing and promotional materials for the course
- Contribute to a safe working environment through personal example and by maintaining the School's health and safety regulations and processes.

If you wish to apply for this role please email your C.V. along with a covering letter explaining your suitability for the position to: recruitment@LeithSchoolofArt.co.uk

Closing date for applications is Sunday 12 May 2024

Proposed interview date: Friday 31 May

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Person Specification (Short Course Programme)

Experience and Knowledge

Essential

- An understanding of visual art as an active practitioner
- Degree level in an appropriate field of art and design practice or other equivalent experience
- A knowledge of safe practices in the studio environment
- Experience of devising and delivering a planned teaching programme
- Relevant knowledge of illustration that will inform a varied and stimulating programme of teaching
- Experience of working with students with a wide range of backgrounds, abilities and needs.

Desirable

- Teaching qualification or equivalent professional recognition
- Experience of working with students that need additional support for learning.

Skills and Personal Qualities

The successful candidate will also:

- Have the ability to support each student, instil confidence, and draw out interests and ideas
- Deliver lectures that draw out key themes and ideas in relation to practice
- Be skilled in a range of approaches to teaching illustration in terms of materials, processes and methods
- Be an excellent teacher, with good communication and a commitment to quality and standards
- Have good organisational skills
- Have a positive attitude in keeping with the ethos of the School
- Be willing to collaborate in a team working environment
- Have the ability to demonstrate the general aims of the School
- Be committed to supporting students from all backgrounds
- Have the ability to empathise, support and nurture students
- Be enthusiastic, responsive and a creative problem solver
- Be open to new approaches.