



SHADOW DIRECTOR JOB DESCRIPTION

The **Key Words Shadow Director** role offers a unique paid professional development opportunity for an early career director in Hammersmith & Fulham to work alongside the Key Words project team, gaining hands-on experience in directing and facilitating in a professional community arts setting.

The Shadow Director will observe, assist, and contribute to the facilitation of Key Words project sessions, plus the creative development of performances of the project showcase, developing their own facilitation and directing skills in a supportive, professional environment.

Key Responsibilities

- **Assist and shadow** the workshop leaders and director throughout all stages of the workshops rehearsal process and performance
- **Observe and participate** in the creative decision-making process, gaining insight into artistic direction, team leadership and collaboration.
- **Support rehearsals** by taking notes, managing schedules and contributing creative ideas where appropriate.
- **Collaborate** with the production and administrative teams to understand the broader workings of the project.
- **Engage in reflection and feedback sessions** with the Director and Project Producer and team to review processes and learn from practice.
- **Develop an understanding** of Turtle Key Arts' values, artistic vision and inclusive working methods.

About Key Words

Key Words is a free, innovative playwriting project developed by Turtle Key Arts for Key Stage 3 students with dyslexia. Designed to unlock creativity and boost confidence in young people who typically face barriers to writing, the project offers a joyful and inclusive route into the arts. Each participant will write their own short play over the course of the workshops.



The resulting plays will then be brought to life by professional actors in a rehearsed reading at the Bush Theatre, attended by families, friends and the wider public.

Dates

WORKSHOPS: Tuesdays 4pm - 6pm from 22nd September - 17th November (excl. half term)

AUDITIONS: 2 days tbc in late November

REHEARSALS & FINAL PERFORMANCE: Thursday 10th - Saturday 12th December

Fee

This is a paid opportunity. You will be paid **£150** per session, for a total of 13 sessions.

How to apply

To apply, please fill out [this application form](#).

Deadline

12pm, Wednesday 16th September.

If you have any questions, please contact Niamh via email:
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