**ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS**

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**JOB TITLE:** Artist in Residence

**TERM OF OFFICE:** Five years

**RESPONSIBLE TO:** Registrar

**WORKING WITH:**

**Governance** President, Registrar and other College Officers

**Management** Chief Executive

**RESPONSIBLE FOR:** N/A

**ELECTED/APPOINTED:** Appointed

**TIME COMMITMENT:** An average of 1 PA per week

**SALARY:** Voluntary

**JOB PURPOSE**

The College is seeking to appoint an Artist in Residence (AiR). The purpose is:

* Achieving closer engagement between artists, arts and health organisations, the public and professionals working in mental health and service users with lived experience
* Providing background knowledge to help those grappling with complex policy or arts-related issues
* To formulate arts research questions or projects which have public relevance
* Raising questions and contributing to debate about current issues
* A key role in curating and organising the occasional exhibitions at the College in collaboration with the exhibitions group (subject to budget).

**KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Work alongside the Archivist and Honorary Archivist to advise the Officers and Chief Executive in interpreting or displaying the College’s historical paintings
2. Contribute to the academic development of the Arts and Psychiatry Special Interest Group (ArtSIG) and sit on the ArtSIG executive committee.
3. Work with the exhibitions group to pitch, select and organise occasional exhibitions (subject to budget) for the College, including overseeing or curating some of these.
4. Liaise with special interest groups, faculties and College committees when they seek advice on an issue related to the arts or ‘arts and health’
5. Work collaboratively with the College media / communications team and archivist when questions arise about the arts and psychiatry
6. Contribute to the discussion and engagement of arts and health with the public, including by liaising and working with other arts and health organisations.

**THE COLLEGE VALUES**

Courage

• Champion the specialty of psychiatry and its benefits to patients

• Take every opportunity to promote and influence the mental health agenda

• Take pride in our organisation and demonstrate self‐belief

• Promote parity of esteem

• Uphold the dignity of those affected by mental illness, intellectual disabilities and developmental disorders.

Innovation

• Embrace innovation and improve ways to deliver services

• Challenge ourselves and be open to new ideas

• Seek out and lead on new, evidence‐based, ways of working

• Have the confidence to take considered risks

• Embrace the methodology of Quality Improvement to improve mental health services and the work of the College.

Respect

• Promote diversity and challenge inequalities

• Behave respectfully – and with courtesy – towards everyone

• Challenge bullying and inappropriate behaviour

• Value everyone’s input and ideas equally

• Consider how own behaviour might affect others

• Respect the environment and promote sustainability.

Collaboration

• Work together as One College – incorporating all members, employees, patients and carers

• Work professionally and constructively with partner organisations

• Consult all relevant audiences to achieve effective outcomes for the College

• Work together with patients and carers as equal partners

• Be transparent, wherever possible and appropriate.

Learning

• Learn from all experiences

• Share our learning and empower others to do the same

• Value and encourage personal feedback

• Use feedback to make continuous improvements

• Create an enabling environment where everyone is listened to, regardless of seniority

• Positively embrace new ways of working.

Excellence

• Deliver outstanding service to members, patients, carers and other stakeholders

• Promote excellent membership and employee experience

• Always seek to improve on own performance

• Promote professionalism by acting with integrity and behaving responsibly

• Demonstrate accountability in all that we do

• Uphold the College’s ‘Core Values for Psychiatrists’.

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| **INTERNAL COLLEGE CONTACTS:** |
| * Department: Chief Executive Office * Section/Project: Artist in Residence * Name of Contact: Catriona Grant * Job Title: EA to the SIGs and Chief Executive |

April 2023

**PERSON SPECIFICATION**

**Essential**

* A member of the College
* Be collaborative in line with the College’s Values
* To be a recognised artist or as having an expertise in art.

**Desirable**

* Qualifications: significant experience of working as an artist or in arts and health or an equivalent achievement or award in an arts subject.

**ADVERT**

**Advert:**

**Appointment of an Artist in Residence (College Lead)**

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The post is voluntary, and the appointee should expect, with the agreement of his or her employer, to spend an average of 1 p.a. / session per week in the role.

The post holder report to the Registrar.

The post will appeal to anyone interested in any aspect of psychiatry in any specialty who has experience in the arts or arts and health.

A full job description can be found on the [Posts for Members section of the College website](https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/workinpsychiatry/postsformembers.aspx).

Those who would like to be considered for this post should submit a short CV and a statement (one A4 side) expressing interest and demonstrating experience to Dr Trudi Seneviratne, Registrar via: [sigs@rcpsych.ac.uk](mailto:sigs@rcpsych.ac.uk)

Applications should be received by close of play on **Friday 20 October 2023** and interviews will be held online on **Thursday 9 November 2023**.