

Technician

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| Team and Department: | Operations | Contract type: | Freelance |
| Place of work: | Hellesdon Hospital, Drayton High Road, Norwich, NR6 5BE | Working hours: | This will be a flexible working schedule with dates agreed between you and Hospital Rooms Our normal working hours are from 09.00-17.30. |
| Reports to: | Senior Project Curator | Salary: | Competitive |
| Start Date: | May- October | Applications closing date: | 7th April |

To apply, please submit a CV and link to portfolio or images of previous work to Honor Bailey-Rosse - honor@hospital-rooms.com

About Us

Hospital Rooms is an arts and mental health charity that was co-founded by artist Tim A Shaw and curator Niamh White after a close friend was sectioned under the Mental Health Act. They were shocked to find that the environment that she was in at this very distressing time was not only cold and clinical, but also dilapidated and run down.

Hospital Rooms brings extraordinary art and creative activity to some of the most vulnerable and marginalised members of society. So far, we have undertaken a number of acclaimed projects, completed in some of the most challenging mental health settings. These units look after people with severe and enduring mental health conditions such as schizophrenia, bipolar, depression, mania, psychosis, personality disorders and dementia.

We commission world class artists to work with mental health patients and staff in collaborative and responsive workshops. Together, we are radically transforming bleak clinical environments and making them imaginative and thoughtful.

About the project

From 2023 until summer 2024 we will collaborate with Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust (NSFT) and the current Hellesdon Hospital community to bring museum quality artworks and creative activities for people using mental health services.

We are working with 15 artists to run a programme of workshops at the hospital and partner Venues that will inform and contribute to final artworks that will be produced for the space this summer. Artists include Alan Kane, Dolly Sen, Errol Francis, Fabian Peake, Ghislaine Leung, Heather Phillipson, Holly Sandiford, Jade Montserrat, Ken Nwadiogbu, Mark Titchner, Michael Landy, Nengi Omuku, Rosa-Johan Uddoh, Sarah Dwyer and Sola Olulode.

About the role

As a technician, you will be responsible for supporting the installation of 15 artworks for our Hellesdon Hospital project between **May and October 2024**. You will support our Lead Technician to achieve Hospital Room's high standard of gallery-quality commissions, coordinating alongside our Project team and world-renowned artists.

You will have experience of working on several multidisciplinary installations and excellent communication skills. With proven technical abilities you will use your knowledge to realise high-quality outcomes for our challenging artworks.

You will be proactive and enjoy working closely with others and feel confident working in a challenging environment. Day-to-day you will ensure that our Project team and artists are provided with technical assistance in order to deliver against their ambitions and achieve their artistic visions. The nature of the position would mean working with a flexible schedule with dates agreed between you and Hospital Rooms.

Experience and Essential Criteria

- Familiarity with a range of installation methods, materials and tools.
- Familiarity with different types of paints, varnishes and coatings.
- Knowledge of various materials and how they should be handled.
- Basic knowledge of art handling and installation techniques.
- Previous experience in a gallery or art-related environment is desirable but not essential.
- Attention to detail coupled with a calm and considered approach to problem solving.
- A collaborative approach to working.
- Empathy and sensitivity to the needs of our community.
- Undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. Please note a previous criminal record does not automatically exclude you from this role.

- Undertake Hospital Rooms' site orientation and demonstrate a proven understanding of our safeguarding policies.
- PASMA or other relevant qualifications are desirable but not essential.
- Current or former resident of the local area.
- Ability to travel to and from Hellesdon Hospital, Norwich

How to Apply

To apply, please submit a CV, portfolio of previous work and availability to Honor Bailey-Rosse, honor@hospital-rooms.com using the subject line: Application for Hellesdon Technician.

We will be holding informal online video chats with applicants ASAP. If we invite you for a chat here's some helpful information to help you prepare:

- The conversation will last around 30 minutes
- We can facilitate an evening or early morning interview to fit in with other commitments
- You will be asked:
 - Why do you want to work for Hospital Rooms?
 - Tell us about your experience and why you feel you'd be a perfect fit for the role.
 - Share an experience where you have been challenged and how you overcame that.

We actively encourage applications from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic candidates and those who are currently underrepresented in the visual arts. Diversity and inclusion are a primary focus in our work, and our commitment to this extends beyond our team to how we interact with artists, and with patients and staff in mental health units. Hospital Rooms is an inclusive workplace and does not discriminate against gender, sexuality, ethnicity, disability or medical conditions.

A degree is not a requirement to take on this role.