Job Description

This Job Description is neither final nor exclusive and the range of tasks would embrace many incidents and situations which are not stated but require initiative and common sense to be applied.

Job Title: Sewing Teacher (Contractor basis)

Reports to: Craft Supervisor

Salary: £20 p/h

Date: 22nd November 2026

Hours: Flexible

Based at: The Cowshed, Rubra 2, Mulberry Business Park, Fishponds Road, RG41 2GY

Key Responsibilities:

- Plan and deliver engaging sewing classes for children and/or adults at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels.
- Create a welcoming, encouraging learning environment for all participants.
- Prepare projects, demonstrations and lesson plans tailored to each group.
- Manage class time effectively to ensure students feel supported and achieve progress.
- Oversee safe use of sewing machines and equipment.
- Support The Cowshed's values and represent the charity professionally at all times.

Skills:

- Confident sewing skills across a range of techniques.
- Experience teaching or supporting groups (formal teaching qualification helpful but not essential).
- Ability to work independently and lead sessions without supervision.
- Good organisational skills and reliability. Competent in using IT.

Person Specification:

- Kind, non-judgemental, and compassionate attitude.
- Friendly, patient and great with both adults and children.
- Displays professionalism and confidence.
- Calm under pressure.
- Demonstrates drive and determination; hard-working and positive with a 'can do' approach; likes challenges.
- Full driving licence.

What we provide:

- Fully equipped sewing room with machines, fabric and materials.
- A supportive and friendly team.
- Set class times and schedules arranged in advance.
- All venue and admin support.

Contract details:

- Contracted on a self-employed basis.
- Minimum of six 6-week courses across a year (day, evening or weekend options).
- Competitive hourly rate/fee per course (agreed depending on experience).

The Cowshed is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion. We encourage applications from individuals of all backgrounds, including those with lived experience of hardship or crisis.