

## Breakthrough 2025 Job Description

### Stopgap Dance Company - Creative Learning Assistant - Surrey

Employer name	Stopgap Dance Company		
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Start Date	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Hours Per Week	25
Working week	The 25 hours per week will be spread flexibly across the week to match the needs of our youth classes, workshops, and events. This may include some evening or weekend work, depending on the schedule. Working patterns will be agreed in advance with the successful candidate.	Hourly Wage	£12.21

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Company Overview	
<p>Stopgap Dance Company is driven by a diverse creative team who uses dance as a movement for change.</p> <p>Our mission is to create an inclusive world where diversity is not just accepted but pursued, a world where no one is limited by prejudice against Deaf, Disabled, or neurodivergent people.</p> <p>Working with an artform shaped by human touch and energised by the spark of connectivity, our work demonstrates the compelling power of diversity and inclusivity. We move together to create a remarkable experience that transforms society's perceptions of</p>	

difference and dismantle the inequity of privilege, in dance and in all aspects of living, collaborating, and creating together as humans.

Our work is both focused on and born out of the company's rigorous investment in equity and inclusive culture. We try to remove barriers to dance, nurturing the talents of all dancers. We work with various organisations moving towards a better representation of diversity on our stages and in society.

We are a global leader of disability access in dance and continuously examine best practice. We actively advocate for the industry and the wider world to become more inclusive.

We employ professional diverse dancers and creatives who create exhilarating dance productions for national and international touring. We support emerging artists through our traineeship, mentoring and creative programs.

We have an extensive Creative Learning and outreach program, including:

- IRIS, our dance syllabus designed for young Disabled dancers,
- Seedbed, our online teacher training course
- Home Practice, our online dance resource of classes and workshops,

All our programmes are designed to improve access to dance and to support the development of future diverse dance talent.

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As a **Creative Learning Assistant**, you will be an integral member of the Stopgap Dance Company's Creative Learning Team. This hands-on role offers the opportunity to gain valuable experience in inclusive dance education by supporting youth programmes, workshops, and associated administrative tasks.

### Key Responsibilities:

- Support weekly sessions with our youth dance companies
- Help with administrative tasks across the Creative Learning department including IRIS & Seedbed Online
- Assist in the organisation and delivery of our annual Winter Platform event
- Provide support for external workshops and outreach events

- Provide support with social media and marketing within the creative learning team

There will also be opportunities to attend training sessions with the wider company.

The role is based at Farnham Maltings, with regular travel to various venues across Surrey and some opportunities for home working. A flexible working pattern will be agreed upon with the successful candidate.

### Skills and development

Candidates should already have:

- Strong Communication Skills
- Good Organisational Skills
- Basic Computer Literacy
- Passion for Dance and/or the Arts
- Genuine Interest in Inclusive Practice

Candidates should be working towards developing:

- Confidence in Workshop Environments
- Understanding of Safeguarding practices
- Creative Problem-Solving

**Employers advice:** To demonstrate your excitement for this role we would recommend that candidates for the role in their application talk about:

- Why inclusion, access and advocacy in dance is important to you
- What the benefits of creative learning are
- What interests you most about the role

### Personal Qualities

- Enthusiastic and committed
- Eager to learn and grow

- Capable of working independently and collaboratively
- Reliable and punctual
- Friendly and approachable

#### Future Prospects

During the course of the placement, you will meet and network with other creative organisations which might present future opportunities. We will also provide a work place mentor who can offer career advice and guidance, helping you to develop your CV and offer support with job applications and interviews.