

Special Educational Needs Leader (freelance) – Language of Dance Trust

Based in: Various locations based in London & surrounding areas.

Contract Type: Freelance, sessional contract

Pay: £35 per session including planning & evaluation

Hours: 1-3 hours per week

Start Date: To be liaised with the School / September onwards

About the Language of Dance Trust

The Language of Dance Trust is a registered charity that promotes dance for all using the unique Language of Dance movement approach. Using a framework of symbols and movement concepts from the developments of Ann Hutchinson Guest, we work across schools, community groups, and professional development settings to inspire and support creativity in movement and learning.

About the Role

The Language of Dance Trust is looking for an enthusiastic, dedicated Dance Leader to teach sessions for children/young people with profound and multiple learning and physical disabilities in schools in North/East London. Sessions will explore different movement elements and incorporate a variety of stimuli through the Language of Dance Approach. Placements will depend on School Sign ups and availability of Community Classes.

Initially the Leader will shadow our Outreach Projects Manager as well as receive any additional training as required. The timescale will be dependant on the candidate's skills and previous experience working with SEND participants. On completion of training, the Dance Leader will then work independently with a number of schools.

The ideal candidate will have prior experience in delivering dance in educational settings and working with people with Special Educational Needs.

Responsibilities

- Deliver high-quality movement sessions in line with the ethos & principles of the Language of Dance Trust.
- Must integrate LOD concepts and framework into teaching sessions.
- Prepare and submit session plans; record attendance and session feedback.
- Complete and submit Risk Assessments for any new venues or spaces.
- Liaise with school staff to deliver end-of-year performances/sharings tailored to the school/students' needs.

Person Specification

- Excellent communication and interpersonal abilities.
- Comfortable working independently as well as collaboratively within a team.
- Confidence in engaging with new people and building professional relationships.
- Relevant training through a recognised dance organisation and/or dance university or qualification
- Able to take responsibility for own work and manage time effectively.
- Reliable in meeting session delivery deadlines and administrative requirements

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, **please send your CV and a covering letter to info@lodc.org**. Your covering letter should include examples of how your experience in SEND teaching and understanding of the LOD framework align with the job description and person specification. To discuss the role in more detail [please email info@lodc.org](mailto:info@lodc.org) or visit lodc.org. All applicants will hear back from us by Friday 31st July.

Application Deadline: Friday 17th July 2026