

Construction Workshop & Facilities Department

Technician & Teacher Support

Job Description

Overview:

The Lir is the National Academy of Dramatic Art at Trinity College Dublin. Its aim is to train young stage managers, theatre technicians, actors, designers, directors and playwrights to the highest international standards for careers in theatre, film, TV and allied professions.

The Lir Academy was developed by the partnership of the Cathal Ryan Trust, Trinity College Dublin and a formal association with the world-renowned Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. The Lir Academy opened its doors to the first students in September 2011 and has developed a three-year technical theatre degree course which was launched in September of 2017.

Training at The Lir Academy is significantly practise-based and to facilitate this, The Lir Academy annually produces ten plays and two films with the undergrad technical students and final year acting students. Alongside this there is the delivery of classes and technical support provided to the internal acting projects and external collaborations.

A technician is required to join the team of full time and part time staff that are responsible for the delivery of the technical courses and the smooth running of The Lir's resources.

Post Summary:

The Lir Academy is looking for a technician with a passion for theatre and working with students. This role will support the technical needs of The Lir's workshops as well as The Lir's Events and Facilities departments.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities include Set Construction and Facilities work

Set Construction Workshop

- Under direction of staff, engage with the work of the students in the realising of theatre sets. This is a practical, mentoring and supervisory role.
- Engage with the upkeep and maintenance of the departments and the associated equipment and workshops.
- Work as a technician and/or teacher support on Lir productions as the need arises.
- Deliver related training support to other students of The Lir Academy.
- Based on successful candidates' individual strengths, there will be opportunities to work within other technical departments.

Events and Academy Facilities

- Be available to work as a technician on external events taking place at The Lir Academy.
- Work with the Facilities Manager and Administration staff to ensure The Lir Academy's training spaces are well managed and maintained.

Other responsibilities

- Ensure that The Lir Academy is a safe working environment and that The Lir's Health & Safety policies are followed.
- Other duties as required by the Director of Technical Training.

Person Specification:

The following attributes, experience and qualifications are desirable, but not all are essential:

Qualifications, Knowledge & Experience

- Experience working in a theatre environment is regarded as essential.
- Experience in set construction is regarded as essential.
- Experience in stage craft is an advantage.
- Previous teaching experience is an advantage.
- Experience in scenic painting is an advantage.
- Experience in construction workshops is an advantage.
- Experience of equipment repair and maintenance is an advantage.

Required Competencies

- Interest in working within a training environment
- Good team skills
- The ability to lead and support student teams
- Ability to organise and work effectively under time pressures and on own initiative
- Punctuality
- Strong communication skills, both interpersonal and written
- Motivated: displays a 'can-do' attitude; is committed to The Lir Academy and its goals

Terms and Conditions of Employment

The position is offered as a one-year contract and includes an initial six-month probationary period. The position is offered on the basis of a 40-hour week, Monday – Friday. Due to the nature of The Lir Academy's work there are regular busy periods where the working week will extend over 40 hours and or into the weekend, with time off given to meet contract hours.

The Technician will report directly to the Director of Technical Training and work under relevant department heads.

Salary - 23-27K annual salary, commensurate with experience

Start Date – Monday July 12th 2021 – there will be an induction prior to this, arranged at a convenient date.

Application details:

Interested candidates should submit a letter of application and a full CV to recruitment@thelir.ie

Deadline:

Wednesday 2nd June 2021

Interview Dates and Selection methods

Short-listing of candidates will be on the basis of the information contained in their CV and covering letter.

Short listed candidates will be contacted re interviews which will be the week commencing June 8th 2021