

Creative Arts Trust – Artsenta

Information for applicants – Art worker position

1.0 Background – About Artsenta

Artsenta is a community based art workshop for people who use mental health services, and we are based at 81 Crawford Street, Dunedin. We have been in existence since 1986, and began life as the Creative Expression Unit at Cherry Farm Hospital. We offer a diverse range of creative activities including, music, craft and visual arts. We are a non-clinical service, and do not offer “art therapy”. We work on the premise that being part of a creative art process is a good way of maintaining wellness for all human beings. By offering our services to users of mental health services, our remit is also to widen access to the arts for a section of the community who may otherwise experience difficulties in taking part in creative art projects.

Artsenta is funded by the Southern District Health Board and the Ministry of Social Development. We currently provide services for over 200 people per annum. Apart from Artsenta in Dunedin, we also undertake regular outreach workshops in Alexandra and Balclutha. In our outreach venues we work in partnership with locally based mental health services.

To get a better understanding of who we are, what our philosophy is, and what we do, have a look at our website at www.artsenta.org

2.0 Art worker position – position description

The position description (attached) gives a complete list of all aspects of the role of Art worker. However, some information that you may want to know is –

The full time art worker position is a 5 day week position, 8.30am to 5pm, with a 1 hour lunch break (total of 37.5 hours per week) Occasionally, staff will work into the evenings or weekends for special events.

The art worker position is based in the workshop helping people to complete/achieve their creative projects, and to take a lead on group based art projects. Art workers attend regular staff meetings and are responsible for the maintenance of the workshop environment on a day-to-day basis. Art workers are expected to take part in the rural outreach art projects that we run throughout Otago.

Artsenta employs a team of 7 full & part time staff members.

3.0 How to apply

- Application for the position will be initially be by –
Letter of application (which should list **at least** the following
 - a) Personal details (ie. professional background, experience, etc)
 - b) How you feel you will meet the person specification (as listed in the position description)
 - c) Why you are applying for the position
- We always have a large number of applicants for our art worker positions, and so it is important that the letter of application is done in some detail, as we will shortlist for interview on the strength of this letter.

- Applicants should also supply details of 2 referees. These referees will only be contacted at the interview stage.
- Applications should be sent to :

Artworker Application
Attn: Jill Thomson
Artsenta
PO Box 5986
Dunedin

by 4pm Monday 15 July 2013

Please do not send portfolios.
Please do not email applications.

Applicants short listed for interview will be notified
as soon as possible.

4.0 Who will be involved in deciding which applicant is successful?

- The selection and interview panel for the position will be
Two Artsenta staff members
An Artsenta artist representative