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## **Rendez-Vous dance**

Rendez-Vous dance is the contemporary dance company led by award-winning choreographer Mathieu Geffré.

Rendez-Vous dance's core mission is to engage with LGBTQIA+ themes and voices throughout our activity.

In September 2023, Rendez-Vous dance will launch Hippocampe. Hippocampe is a new North Shields based youth dance group. Hippocampe will provide 20 young people (11-15) with the opportunity to develop their creativity whilst improving mental and physical wellbeing in a safe and supported space.

At Hippocampe we're giving young people the freedom to be inspired, we're here giving them the courage to dream big.

Launching on the 9th of September 2023, the young people will meet twice a month for 2 hours. The sessions will be led by Artistic Director Mathieu Geffré accompanied by a specifically recruited Engagement Artist. Each session will be articulated around playful, collective and creative exercises and games promoting our non-gender specific practice of dance. Attendance is free, Rendez-Vous dance will also provide the young people with unisex training gear, travel fares and complimentary lunch post session.

### **Job Description**

<b>Job Title:</b>	Engagement Artist - (Hippocampe - Rendez-Vous dance youth group)
<b>Responsible To:</b>	Mathieu Geffré (Artistic Director)
<b>Job Purpose:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To plan, liaise with organisations and deliver 5 outreach workshops in existing North Tyneside youth groups</li><li>To support the Artistic Director in developing our non-gendered dance practice in the shape of young people's dedicated engagement activities</li><li>To assist the Artistic Director in all Hippocampe workshops</li><li>To potentially lead a Hippocampe workshop in case of illness or injury</li><li>To attend meetings with the team and participants</li><li>To contribute in the evaluation of the project</li><li>To contribute in the artistic conversation for developing the project beyond the current timeline</li></ul>
<b>Dates</b>	The engagement will begin on the 5th of September 2023 and continue until the end of the funding period (end of December 2023). It is our ambition to pursue this project beyond the funded period (funding dependent)
<b>Fee:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2.5 days for planning workshops with existing North Tyneside youth groups</li><li>2.5 days for delivering workshops with existing North Tyneside youth groups (5 x 2h workshops)</li><li>4.5 days for assisting Artistic Director during Hippocampe workshops (9 x 2h workshops)</li><li>4.5 days of administrative support</li></ul> <b>TOTAL 14 days @£150: £2100</b>



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## Specifications

The successful candidate will be an experienced Dance Practitioner with:

- A minimum of 3 years experience
- Relevant experience in leading dance engagement activity with young people
- Excellent communication and engagement skills
- Ability to collaborate with a wider team of professionals and volunteers
- Accurate training in Gender Intelligence and Awareness

It is **essential** for our future collaborator to be based in the **North East** of England and align with the values of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Representation championed by the company (policies available on our website [www.rendez-vousdance.com](http://www.rendez-vousdance.com))

It is **strongly recommended** for our future collaborator to hold their own Public Liability Insurance. The company holds Public Liability Insurance and Employer's Liability Insurance for this project.

It is also **strongly recommended** for our future collaborator to be certified as a First Aider and Mental Health First Aider

We are an inclusive organisation and therefore want everyone to participate in our work. We particularly encourage application from those underrepresented in the Arts sector; including but not limited to, applicants who identify as LGBTQIA+, living with a disability and/or those from a Global Majority background.

At Rendez-Vous dance, we recruit, employ, train and champion our collaborators regardless of race, religion, colour, national origin, sex, disability, age and social background.

We have a clear vision and mission: to be the place where a diverse mix of talented people want to collaborate and do their best work. We pride ourselves on bringing the best projects to our audiences, and we know our company runs on the hard work and dedication of our passionate and creative collaborators.

Rendez-Vous's dedication to promoting diversity, multiculturalism, and inclusion is clearly reflected in all of our projects. Diversity is more than a commitment at Rendez-Vous dance, it is the foundation of what we do. We are fully focused on equity and believe deeply in diversity of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, national origin and all the other fascinating characteristics that make us different

To apply, please submit:

- your CV
- the Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form
- A brief cover letter explaining your experience working with young people  
*If you prefer to create a video or audio recording to respond to the above request please send via WeTransfer at [mathieu.geffre@rendez-vousdance.com](mailto:mathieu.geffre@rendez-vousdance.com) and [phil.douglas@rendez-vousdance.com](mailto:phil.douglas@rendez-vousdance.com)*

Please send application by the 26th of August 2023 12pm at [mathieu.geffre@rendez-vousdance.com](mailto:mathieu.geffre@rendez-vousdance.com) & [phil.douglas@rendez-vousdance.com](mailto:phil.douglas@rendez-vousdance.com)

Interviews: 28th August 2023, time to be agreed with shortlisted applicants

If you require additional support to apply for this opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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