

The Ark is currently seeking an energetic and enthusiastic intern, who has a keen interest in working with children, to work on The Ark's summer programme THE BEAUTFUL BEASTS.

By joining us, you can enjoy the benefits of learning new skills, be part of delivering an exciting programme and gain the opportunity to contribute as part of a dedicated team in a leading cultural centre. Please note this position is unpaid and unable to support travel expenses. The position involves working at weekends.

ABOUT THE ARK

Established in 1995, The Ark is a dedicated cultural centre for children. We create opportunities for children, along with their families and friends or with their school, to discover and love art. We believe in every child's right to discover and love art in a society where creativity and culture are valued and enrich our lives. Our Mission is to spark childhood imagination by making and sharing great art for, by and about children, bringing joy and creating a cultural engagement that lasts a lifetime. We commission, produce and present work for, by and about children, from the ages of two to twelve years old. We do so in our architecturally award-winning home in the heart of Dublin's Temple Bar, leased through a long-term cultural use agreement with Temple Bar Cultural Trust. We also work off-site and on tour in Ireland and abroad. [see http://ark.ie].

DETAILS OF THE ROLE

Dates of Internship: Tuesday 27th June - Sun 23rd August 2017.

Duration: 8 Weeks

Working hours: 10am to 5.30pm

Days of work: The internship will be 3-4 days per week.

Schedule: Wednesday – Sunday. Weekend work will be rotated.

This internship is an unpaid position.

KEY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Working under the guidance of the Project Coordinator and programme artists, the intern will provide support on all aspects of the visual arts programme including:

- Assisting, supervising and encouraging children while they are visiting the exhibition and participating in events and workshops.
- Assisting the artists in the delivery, daily preparation and clear up of the workshop area
- Assisting the Project Coordinator, in sourcing and buying workshop materials and building dressing materials
- Assisting The Ark staff in creating an environment which is welcoming, inclusive and safe for children.
- Responding to other duties as requested by the Project Coordinator.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE:

- With an interest in the Visual Arts and in working in a child-centred environment
- With a willing, calm and enthusiastic disposition
- Who enjoys and had the ability to work as part of a team
- With excellent communication skills and fluent English

Benefits for the Intern:

- The opportunity to work as part of a dedicated team in a leading cultural centre.
- You will have gain experience working with highly experienced artist facilitators
- Gain training in working with children in a creative environment.
- Insights and programme-specific training and company policy and procedure training.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE POSITION

Please send a covering letter outlining why you would like this internship, a current CV and two written references to **Duffy Mooney-Sheppard**, by email only to: duffy@ark.ie

Please Note: Successful appointment will be subject to reference checks and Garda Vetting.

Closing date for applications: 5th May 2017 at 5pm

Interviews will be held in The Ark on the week of 15th May 2017.

ABOUT THE BEAUTFUL BEASTS

The Beautiful Beasts is an exhibition and workshop programme for families, where adults and children can visit The Ark's collection of unusual and beautiful animal sculptures. These pieces are created by leading Irish and international artists from materials ranging from bronze, woods, ceramics, steel, and stone. Families can learn about the techniques used to create the artworks, feel samples of the materials used and then create their own responses through drawing in the galleries creative stations. Artist Jole Bortoli will be our gallery Artist in Residence on selected days, creating live responses to the animal exhibits and chatting with families who are visiting the gallery. There will be a series of artist-led workshops with Jole on the theme of Shapeshifters. Taking inspiration from mythology and folklore from Inuit and North American traditions, children will be able to create their own piece of work on the theme of animal-human transformations. A series of Early Years workshops will run alongside this for ages 2-4 with artist Jane Groves.