



Opportunity for Graphic Designer/Illustrator to work on a Creative Learning project

Stan's Cafe are seeking to recruit a highly skilled and flexible thinker to work with us and students in Billesley Primary School, south Birmingham creating a book entitled '*What Is A School?*'

Context

Stan's Cafe is an internationally renowned theatre company which works collaboratively devising original mind-stretching productions.

In parallel with its professional touring work Stan's Cafe has developed a sector-leading creative learning programme, working in long-term partnership with three Birmingham schools. The originality of this approach has led it to be the subject of a PhD studentship sponsored by the University of Warwick.

Creative Learning

The originality of Stan's Cafe's Creative Learning work lies in its bespoke problem-solving relationship with schools. We apply creativity across the whole curriculum, developing skills and knowledge, confidence and resilience using a variety of art forms and creative approaches. Billesley Primary School is highly adventurous and our longest standing partner school.

Details of previous Creative Learning projects with Billesley can be found here:
<http://www.stanscafe.co.uk/project-billesley-primary-school.html>

The Brief

Through Summer and Autumn terms 2018 we are working on a whole school project called *What Is A School?*. Each year group is exploring philosophical questions about what schools do, how education has changed, the range of different schools today and what education and schooling might look like in the future. The project culminates in the production of a non-fiction book summarizing its findings, authored by the pupils and intended to be read in other primary schools.

The role of the **Graphic Designer / Illustrator** is to take charge of the look of the book and see it through the printing process. Photographs will be taken throughout the process, further photographs may need sourcing or illustrations could be included.

In addition to making sure the book works well visually the **Graphic Designer / Illustrator** will be required to share their process with the students so they get an experience of being clients commissioning a professional designer but also an insight into how a designer thinks and works.

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The book will be made up of 6 chapters and we anticipate that each chapter will be made up of approximately 4 pages, containing a mixture of photographs, images and text. There will then be a few additional pages for an introduction, contents, index and credits.

The role will require a minimum of six half days in school to work with a small number of children from each year group on the design their chapter, alongside a member of Stan's Cafe.

Timeline

After appointment we would like the designer to visit the school to discuss the possible format and feel of the book with Year Four, who will have responsibility for overseeing the production of the book.

The first four chapters will be ready for designing from the beginning of July onwards and so we anticipate the first four half day visits taking place before the end of July.

The final two chapters will be researched in September and October ready for design at the end of October. The design of the book should then be completed and sent to print by the end of 2018.

Fee

The fee for this project is £3,000 which includes travel.

Application

To apply please send a CV, links to examples of your work and a cover letter explaining your interest in, and suitability for this role to Craig Stephens, Associate Director, Stan's Cafe craig@stanscafe.co.uk

Children from the Year Four Editorial group have identified a number of qualities they think the Graphic Designer/Illustrator will need. These include being:

imaginative, creative, organized, patient, enthusiastic, good at working in a team with children, passionate, kind to children, inspiring, constructively critical

Members of this group will also be involved in the short-listing and interview process.

The deadline for applications is: Thursday May 17th at 6.00 pm.

Shortlisted candidates will be asked to attend an interview in Billesley Primary School, Birmingham on Friday 25th May



Please e-mail your submissions in an attached document with the title 'Graphic Designer/Illustrator - your name'.

Please also complete the Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form available on our website:

[http://www.stanscafe.co.uk/downloads/Stan's Cafe Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form\(v.May2018\).docx](http://www.stanscafe.co.uk/downloads/Stan's%20Cafe%20Equal%20Opportunities%20Monitoring%20Form(v.May2018).docx)

New associates will require a current DBS (less than three years old) or be willing to obtain one.

Stan's Cafe's objective to produce excellent work rests on working with company members who are representative of the diversity of contemporary UK; consequently, applications are welcome from any of the following: women, people from culturally diverse backgrounds, people from diverse religious faiths, D/deaf and disabled people (including hidden disabilities), people from the LGBTQ+ community.