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# The Chandran Foundation

## Art Therapist



**Job Title:** Art Therapists (delivering groups within school hours)

**Locations:** based in one of the following boroughs Ealing, Lambeth, Wandsworth

**Hourly Rate:** £50 per hour (plus supervision costs)

**Contract Type:** Self-employed / Freelance

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## About The Chandran Foundation

At **The Chandran Foundation**, we are committed to supporting children in poverty across London, a city with the highest proportion of children living in severe poverty across the UK. Our mission is to ensure these children have the opportunity to thrive, overcome adversity and achieve their potential despite the barriers poverty places in their way.

Since 1996, we have been focused on supporting vulnerable children, particularly those at risk of falling into cycles of crime, trauma, and limited opportunities. We are proud to be breaking the cycle of poverty through early intervention programs that aim to improve children's **Attendance, Attainment, and Alleviation** – our 3 A's model.

We believe that every child should be defined by their potential and not their circumstance. Children who receive our interventions experience fewer school absences, achieve better educational outcomes, and see improvements in their mental health and overall situation. We ensure children have the tools to face adversity today so they can unlock their future tomorrow, and break free from the negative impact of poverty.

## The Role

We are seeking an Art Therapist(s) to join our team and support the delivery of art therapy groups in a primary school setting (groups will consist of 6 children - delivering an 8-10 week programme). As an Art Therapist, you will play a vital role in helping children express and process their emotions, build self-confidence, and develop coping mechanisms to manage the difficulties they face. You will deliver group art therapy sessions with the support of teaching assistants from the school and other professionals to ensure the best outcomes for the children.

You will be a qualified art therapist with experience of delivering small groups to children from 8-11 years old. You will have a clinical supervisor in place, who together with yourself oversee clinical responsibility of the groups.

You will be responsible to record clinical outcomes including capturing outcomes with the use of a resilience questionnaire.

Your work will directly contribute to the wellbeing of children in some of London's most deprived communities, ensuring they have the support they need to thrive, both academically and emotionally.

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## Key Responsibilities

1. Deliver individual and small group art therapy sessions to primary school children, focusing on emotional expression, self-esteem, and emotional well being.
2. Create and maintain a safe, supportive, and non-judgmental environment for children to explore their emotions through art.
3. Regularly assessing suitability for the therapeutic intervention undertaken and signpost when appropriate. Liaise with other professionals as needed.
4. Ensure you are recording clinical outcomes by supporting participants to engage with questionnaires. E.g. Child & Youth Resilience Measure-Revised (CYRM-R)
5. Provide progress reports and updates to relevant school staff, parents, and The Chandran Foundation Team.
6. Ensure all work is carried out in line with ethical and professional standards, maintaining confidentiality and respecting boundaries.
7. Safeguarding and Reporting: Work as a team with the school and The Chandran Foundation to safeguard the children in your care. Report any concerns regarding child protection, well-being, or safeguarding directly to the safeguarding leads and in line with the school's and foundation's safeguarding protocols.
8. Attend regular supervision sessions (costs will be covered) and engage in professional development opportunities.
9. Work closely with The Chandran Foundation team to ensure your work aligns with our values and mission.

## Person Specification

1. Qualifications:
  1. Recognised qualification in Art Therapy /Drama Therapist
  2. HCPC-registered Art Therapist /Drama Therapist
  3. Experience working with children, particularly in an educational or school setting.
2. Skills and Experience:
  1. Proven ability to deliver effective art therapy in a group setting.
  2. Experience supporting children facing challenges related to poverty, trauma, and emotional/behavioural difficulties.

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3. Strong communication and collaboration skills with the ability to work well with school staff, parents, and other professionals.
  4. Understanding of child development and therapeutic interventions.
  5. Strong record-keeping and organisational skills.
3. Personal Attributes:
1. Compassionate, empathetic, and patient.
  2. Creative, adaptable, and solution-focused.
  3. Ability to work independently and as part of a multi-disciplinary team.

## What's Important to Us

At The Chandran Foundation, we understand that poverty is more than just a lack of resources; it is a barrier to security, opportunity, and well-being. Children living in poverty are 7 times more likely to be vulnerable to criminal exploitation and face lifelong challenges if their needs are not met early. We are dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by providing children with a fighting chance to unlock their potential and avoid long-term harm.

Your work as an Art Therapist will directly contribute to this mission, offering children the chance to overcome adversity and build a brighter future.

Additional Information:

- Hourly Rate: £50 per hour.
- Supervision Costs: Supervision sessions are required and will be paid separately.
- Working Hours: Flexible hours to be arranged in line with school timetable and needs. You will deliver 2-3 groups, possibly across multiple locations. Each group will be for 1.5hrs, 8-10 weeks in duration.

## How to Apply

If you are a passionate Art Therapist with experience in working with vulnerable children and share our commitment to making a lasting difference, we would love to hear from you! Please send your CV and a cover letter on why you are interested in this role, and detailing your experience and qualifications, against the Person Specification outlined above. Please send to the attention of Dominic Bugeja-Lane, Executive Director, Chandran Foundation email: [operations@chandranfoundationuk.org](mailto:operations@chandranfoundationuk.org)

