

**SLiDE**  
**Freelance Fundraiser**  
**From May 2021**

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Following culture recovery funding, SLiDE is looking for an experienced Freelance Fundraiser to join our small dynamic team as we enter an exciting new period of development. The successful candidate will work with the Artistic Director and Senior Producer to achieve our fundraising target for 2021/2022.

This is a flexible, fixed term contract with a fee of £5000, dates and times to be discussed and agreed with the team. There is the possibility of extension, subject to the success of future funding applications.

**About us:**

SLiDE is a community of dancers, musicians and creatives who mainly live in Croydon, London and the Southeast. Co-founded in 2013 by Gemma Coldicott and Anita Wadsworth, SLiDE is built on over eight years of collaboration and partnership with local residents, education settings and organisations.

We strive to remove barriers to participation in dance faced by learning disabled people, addressing power imbalances. With a wider aim to bring disabled and non-disabled people together to dance. Through our classes, performance projects and social events (ceilidhs and discos) we engage with the wider community, uniting diverse groups.

The values that govern our work and thinking are:

**Empowerment:** self-determination and confidence building

**Play:** space for fun yet challenging encounters

**Inclusion / Equality:** open, accessible and engaging projects

**Creativity:** being bold to think differently, ask questions and express ourselves freely

**Togetherness:** a thriving community, contributing collectively and collaboratively

**Quality:** striving for excellence in participant and audience experiences

Under the Artistic Direction of Gemma Coldicott, SLiDE have expanded its profile and reputation, attracting additional funding for our programme of arts projects and performances. We are looking to secure future funding to pursue our ambitions into 2021/2022, which include:

- Establishing SLiDE's Community performance groups
- Commissioning new work for our collective company of disabled and non-disabled dancers
- Continuing our programme of Dance for People with Parkinson's
- Delivering SLiDE's learning disabled youth company project and future performances
- Strengthening relationships with our community partners, to sustain a programme of inclusive projects
- Securing longer term financial sustainability for the organisation

We are looking for someone with demonstrable experience in successfully researching, writing and achieving funding from various sources, including the Arts Council, Trusts and Foundations, The National Lottery and other public funding bodies.

The ideal candidate will have knowledge of participatory & community arts, and in particular dance. They will recognise and champion SLiDE's values, and have an enthusiasm for inclusive practice and equal access.

**Details:**

- To research, plan and write compelling proposals to secure funding of various sizes in the period May - August 2021
- To support the Artistic Director and Senior Producer to develop and implement a fundraising strategy that reflects current priorities and income targets, including individual giving
- To support funder relationships and keep records up to date
- To secure financial support from individuals and organisations (both public and private)

**Person specification:**

We are looking for someone who has:

- Excellent written and communication skills
- Attention to detail and ability to work to deadlines
- The ability to work on own initiative with minimal supervision
- An ability to think creatively and to work flexibly and responsively
- An understanding of fundraising for charities ideally with experience in the cultural sector
- Fundraising experience and a track record of success with trusts, foundations, individual donor giving, and public funding
- An interest in the arts and a commitment to SLiDE's mission and values

**Contract:**

This is a freelance, part time role, beginning in May 2021, running until August 2021. The total fee is £5000 inclusive of all expenses. Exact days of work will be agreed with SLiDE, however we anticipate this will be for between 25 and 35 days work depending on experience. We expect the fundraiser to work from their own base, however they may be needed to attend occasional meetings in Croydon.

There is a possibility of this post being extended past August 2021 subject to funding.

**How to apply:**

Please send the following:

1. A covering letter that details your interest and suitability for the role
2. Your CV detailing your experience and success in achieving fundraising targets
3. A completed monitoring form here <https://forms.gle/UCH6Vy5M1YHpyqyH7>

Please send the above to Emily Jameson, Senior Producer at [emily@slidedance.org](mailto:emily@slidedance.org)

**Deadline for applications: 5pm Monday 26 April 2021.**

**Interviews to be held Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 May 2021 over Zoom.**

***We particularly welcome applicants with lived experience of disability and people from groups that are currently under-represented in the arts sector.***

If you have any questions or have any access needs to help support you in completing this application please contact [emily@slidedance.org](mailto:emily@slidedance.org)