



Five Ring Youth Circus.

About Circus Central

Circus Central is the operating name of The North East Circus Development Trust (NECDT). We are a circus arts charity based in Newcastle upon Tyne. We are a vibrant team of 20 freelance mentors and 5 office staff.

We use circus arts to transform lives. Our mission is to:

- Connect and strengthen individuals of all ages and abilities
- Develop physical, social and professional skills
- Build confident and resilient communities

We operate from two sites, one in Shieldfield and one in Elswick. We deliver a vibrant education programme of circus arts to people of all ages and abilities; this includes in classes, clubs and cabarets. We also support fulfilling careers in the arts by developing skills, qualifications and experiences for local, national and international professional artists. We believe circus is for everyone.

About Five Ring

Five Ring Youth Circus is our flagship youth circus programme: the start of our Circus Central journey over ten years ago. Five Ring is a hub for young people (recommended ages 12-25). We use circus, performance, and physical skills to develop and enhance young people's lives. Five Ring have performed locally, and nationally.

Five Ring is for young people that want to focus their circus training and have the opportunity to perform as an individual and as part of ensemble acts. During term time, Five Ring meet twice a week to train and develop their circus skills. Half term intensives also occur for focused creative performance development.

To find out more go to www.circuscentral.co.uk/fryc

Five Ring Lead Mentor Role Descriptor

Job title: Five Ring Lead Mentor

Responsible to: Circus Central directors and Board of Trustees

Job Purpose: To assist and support in the effective and efficient running of the Five Ring programmes.

Job Essence: The role of the Five Ring Lead Mentor is to provide support in the daily operations of the Five Ring programmes and create and devise processes to deliver agreed units. The applicant will be expected to undertake an active role in lesson planning, skills and performance delivery and creative content. The Five Ring Lead Mentor will be expected to liaise with administrative staff and the directors.

You should ensure tasks agreed with the directors are managed in a clear, timely and efficient manner.



Key tasks:

OVERVIEW

- To assist the Five Ring Director in the effective and smooth delivery of the Five Ring programmes

UNITS

- To devise delivery programmes for agreed Units in line with Five Ring programme aims
- To devise processes and deliver tuition on Units
- To assist freelance mentors in the successful delivery of their Five Ring Units where guidance is required
- Be self-reflective and attend relevant CPD training to ensure high standard of professional practice

PLANNING

- Support Five Ring Director with management, planning and reporting through contributing to regular meetings.

OTHER

- Attend ongoing CPD relevant to the safeguarding and well-being of vulnerable students
- Be a secondary point of contact for Five Ring students and their legal guardians
- Monitor condition of equipment used within Five Ring sessions and liaise with directors on wear and tear
- Attend meetings as required to ensure good communication within the organisation and the governing body.
- Act as a chaperone on Five Ring events

Person Specification:

Essential

- Excellent organisational skills
- Efficient and reliable
- Experience of planning and delivering high quality circus arts training (examples include: manipulation, equilibratics, acrobatics, games, creative devising, clowning, movement dance)
- Excellent attention to detail
- Ability to work independently, manage workload and meet deadlines
- Ability to communicate efficiently and professionally with people from all backgrounds
- Ability to teach online as well as in person

Desirable

- Ability to teach circus skills in a number of circus disciplines (e.g. manipulation, equilibratics, acrobatics, aerial, clowning, performance)
- Experience in fundraising/ bid writing

Other Requirements:

- A positive attitude towards the work and the organisation
- An interest in arts, performance and circus
- Must undergo a full DBS check



Working Relationships:

- Administrative Assistant
- Five Ring Director
- Education Director
- Chief Executive
- NECDT Mentors and Facilitators
- Web Developer
- Volunteers and chaperones

Salary: £20/hour

Hours: Average 5 hours teaching time per week with additional planning time during term time. Additional teaching hours also available during holiday intensives and short courses. Delivery time primarily on evenings and weekends.

Contract: 1 year Freelance Subcontractor contract

Place of work: Main delivery locations are Circus Central, Mill Lane Youth Centre, NE4 6PR and Circus Central Shieldfield, NE2 1XA. Remote working required during covid restrictions, in person working required when covid restrictions allow.

Additional:

- In house and external professional development will be supported.
- Access to free training space (upon provision of insurance documents)
- Further freelance teaching work available in both regular teaching programme as well as project based outreach delivery

Deadline for applications: 4pm Monday 22nd Feb

Interview: week commencing Monday 8th March

Start date: Negotiable from Monday 22nd March