



## National Lead for Arts and Culture

### Background

The National Academy for Social Prescribing (NASP) is a newly registered charity and company limited by guarantee. Our goals are to promote social prescribing and to bring about a social revolution in wellbeing, as set out in the [NASP Strategic Plan](#).

To learn more about our organisation, partners, and social prescribing, please visit [socialprescribingacademy.org.uk](https://socialprescribingacademy.org.uk).

NASP operates through a hybrid model of working, with most work taking place remotely using Microsoft Teams for meetings and planning. We have an office space at London's Southbank Centre which staff can use to work. Travel to this (and other sites) will be required from time to time for meetings, site visits, events, and away days.

We are looking for a National Lead for Arts and Culture. This is an exciting new opportunity for someone looking for a challenging, senior role with responsibility for shaping and overseeing the work we do through this sector. The role is supported through a strategic partnership between NASP and Arts Council England.

### Recruitment

At NASP, we are passionate about creating an inclusive workplace that promotes and values diversity. We know that different ideas, perspectives and backgrounds create a stronger and more creative work environment, and so we welcome applications irrespective of the applicant's age, disability, sex, gender identity and gender expression, race or ethnicity, religion or belief, sexual orientation, or other personal circumstances. We also welcome applications from neurodiverse candidates.

We seek to support candidates with relevant lived experience recognising that first-hand experience of what NASP seeks to achieve around social prescribing is just as valuable as employment history.

We have processes and policies in place to ensure that all applications are treated fairly throughout the recruitment process and that we make reasonable adjustments for those who require it. Applications are welcomed from applicants who wish to apply for a position based on a flexible working arrangement. Should a candidate be successful after the interview stage, this request will be accommodated within the needs of the role.

NASP seeks to be a truly 21<sup>st</sup> Century employer and organisation. Supporting our staff's wellbeing is central to that goal, as our staff are one of our greatest assets.

And therefore, we look forward to hearing from you about the role of National Lead for Arts and Culture.

## Role Details & Staff Benefits

**Salary:** £45,000

**Duration:** Fixed term until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 (with the possibility of extension)

**Hours:** Full time

**Location:** Remote - However, NASP have a permanent office space at London's Southbank Centre, and occasional travel to this site will be required from time to time.

NASP offer a range of core benefits for staff on payroll, including:

- 30 days paid annual leave per annum, plus Bank Holidays pro rata
- An additional day of paid leave per year on your birthday
- Opportunities for Volunteering & CPD days each year
- Opportunity to request flexible working arrangements, including compressed hours
- Contribution to annual eye test, eyeglass purchase, and flu vaccination

### Purpose of This Role:

The purpose of this role is to lead and co-ordinate NASP's national work on social prescribing with partners across the arts and culture sector. The role sits in the National Leads team and will work alongside colleagues leading on the key areas of the natural environment, physical activity, historic environment and older people.

### Person Specification:

Experience & Knowledge:

- Knowledge of the VCFSE sector and/or Social Prescribing
- Experience of working at a senior level, including playing a role in influencing internal and external stakeholders.
- Understands the pressures that arts and culture organisations, health and care agencies, VCFSE organisations and community groups face and where resources have been stretched.
- Great planner and project manager, able to produce project plans and budgets and co-produce delivery plans with partners, identifying risks and managing them together.
- Excellent partnership building skills with experience of building trusting long-term relationships with partners and experience of inspiring and supporting organisations to work in partnership.
- Knowledge of the arts and culture and VCFSE sectors and ability to raise their profile in supporting social prescribing.

Skills & Attributes:

- Affinity with NASP's Values as defined in the [NASP Strategic Plan](#)
- A self-starter and a proactive, energetic leader with a collaborative mindset.
- Strategic thinker with the ability to be proactive and spot new opportunities.
- Ability to work under pressure, prioritise work and be flexible in delivery.
- Excellent communication skills, written and verbal, both internally with peers and senior management, and externally with partners and stakeholders.

### Responsibilities:

- Lead and co-ordinate NASP's national work on social prescribing with partners across the arts and culture sector.
- Build understanding and awareness within NASP and across other sectors of what is required to support the effective provision of services, activities and information in the arts and culture sector to promote health and wellbeing through social prescribing
- Provide high quality advice on arts and culture activity and services in support of NASP's strategy development, communications and external briefings and meetings.
- Help promote awareness of the evidence and adoption of good practice among commissioners, social prescribers and activity providers working in social prescribing pathways and systems at both national and local levels.
- Work with partners in the libraries sector to develop the widespread use of public libraries, particularly by strategically aligning with the Universal Offer, along with other community cultural assets as community hubs
- Find and secure opportunities to improve the connection of the arts and culture sector to health and care commissioners across Integrated Care Systems, developing two-way learning that understands and responds to pressures and drivers and builds mutually beneficial partnership approaches.
- Identify and shape partnership opportunities to secure additional funding and resources to help build capacity to enable future social prescribing activity to better support people's health and wellbeing outcomes.
- Enable shared learning and best practice within the arts and culture sector and with other key social prescribing sectors such as the natural environment, physical activity, and financial wellbeing sectors.
- Budget Management - including day to day management, raising and processing payments and reporting

## Reporting To: Head of National Partners

### How to Apply

Please complete the application form (available on the [Join Our Team](#) page of the NASP website) and send to [recruitment@nasp.info](mailto:recruitment@nasp.info) by 12:00 (midday) on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022**. NASP have the right to bring the application deadline forward as they deem fit.

Ensure you complete all sections, including the Supporting Statement, and the details of 2 referees, including your latest employer or contracting organisation.

Please do not send your CV. We want to assess everyone in the same way, so we will assess your application solely on the information given in the application form.

Interviews will be held on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August** so please keep this date free. For more information and an informal conversation, please email any questions to [recruitment@nasp.info](mailto:recruitment@nasp.info).



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Please note that any personal data you share will be treated confidentially and will only be used for recruitment purposes.

All appointments are subject to proof of right to work in the UK, references, and a 3-month probationary period.