



# PARTICIPATORY ARTIST RESIDENCY

## Imagine Lab: Early Years and Families

The Village Storytelling Centre (VSC) is delighted to present an opportunity for an early career participatory artist to develop their practice with early years children (0-5) and their adult carers in a new 16-week residency.

The selected artist will work alongside our experienced practitioner within VSC's community based Imagine Lab programme. Funded by Cattanach and Glasgow City Council, Imagine Lab provides early years children and their adult carers with a range of quality storytelling and arts activities. Facilitated by an Early Years Storyteller, our workshops explore a range of themes through immersive and sensory processes.

Throughout the residency, the selected artist will explore a theme or activate a creative approach that will provide practical support & learning for families which:

- Support and encourage social skills, language development, fine motor skills, confidence and creativity within the early years children.
- Facilitates parent/carer confidence in being led by their child in play, in creativity and imagination.
- Can be replicated easily by parent and carers at home, with no or minimal cost

The residency will take place over 16 weeks from August to December 2024.

The selected artist will:

- Commit to approximately 30 days in total throughout the residency, including:
  - planning/research time
  - workshop/training delivery
  - attendance at meetings/training
  - resource development
- Receive a fee/budget of £4000 (approx. £133 per day).
- Participate in/Deliver up to 30 x 1 hr workshops (included above) across our ongoing Imagine Lab programme (with full support of the Early Years Storyteller).
- Develop a resource for parents/carers sharing the activities tested during their residency which supports parent/carer creativity at home.
- Deliver 5 outreach sessions within external agencies/venues to share the resource and learning (with practitioners and parents/carers).

VSC will provide:

- Ongoing support & mentoring from the Early Years Storyteller and wider VSC team.
- Opportunities for formal and informal training in story-led approaches.
- A small budget for materials.
- Editing and design support during resource development.

The residency will take place across the Greater Pollok area in South West Glasgow, including indoor and outdoor settings, and would ideally suit an artist based in or around the Greater Glasgow area.

We wish to hear from artists from a range of backgrounds and creative practices.

Artists should be available to deliver workshops during our existing sessions which take place on Tuesday mornings, Tuesday afternoons, and Wednesday mornings.

The residency will begin on the week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> August and end on the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> December.

How to apply:

Please submit a proposal confirming that you are available for the dates of the residency and answer the following questions:

- How would you describe your practice?
- What is it that excites you about participatory arts within early years and family settings?
- What is the theme you would like to explore or creative approach you would like to activate?
- What would you like to gain from your Early Years Artists Residency at The Village?

You may submit your proposal in writing, film or audio.

Proposals should be sent to [recruitment@villagestorytelling.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@villagestorytelling.org.uk) by 9am on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

Interviews will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2024.

Please note: Artists should be members of the PVG scheme or willing to join.