



Future Jobs Fund

Case study – Southbank

With a passion for bringing the arts and creative industries to young people and a history of providing training opportunities, the Future Jobs Fund was the perfect initiative for Southbank Centre to bid for.

The world-class arts centre has three sites, including the Royal Festival Hall and the Hayward Gallery, all located on the south bank of the River Thames. Its 30 new staff will start in March and will be involved in a wide range of activities. From welcoming visitors to behind-the-scenes support, the new employees will help to make visits to Southbank Centre even more enjoyable and provide practical support to hard-working teams.

Natalie Highwood, General Manager of Southbank Centre's Learning and Participation Department said: "The Future Jobs Fund has allowed us to give more young people a chance to gain skills and increase their future employability."

It's a lot of new employees to start at the same time, so the Centre has a co-ordinator to make sure they all get the right training, support and management. Southbank Centre's youth forum in residence SE1 United will also help to mentor the team.

Southbank Centre was one of the very first organisations to bid for jobs through the Future Jobs Fund. The bid was in collaboration with SE1 United and fellow resident organisation New Deal of the Mind. The whole process took around five weeks from application to result.

For organisations thinking of bidding for staff, Natalie has these words of advice: “If you think carefully about what you would like the young people to get out of the opportunity and how your new employees can enhance your organisation’s work, the Future Jobs Fund is a great opportunity for cultural organisations.”

And the centre is now thinking about the next round of bids. “We hope that the scheme will be rewarding for everyone involved so that we can bid to welcome even more employees in the future,” Natalie says.

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If you have a new vacancy that can start quickly and will benefit the local community you could be eligible for up to £6,500 towards training and wages from the Future Jobs Fund.

Over 170,000 jobs are set to be created and paid for – and 10,000 of those are in the culture and sport sectors.

A fund of around £1 billion will help to generate new jobs, particularly for 18-24 year olds who have been out of work for more than six months.

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