



Tender Application Pack

**Projects Coordinator (East)** 

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## About Tender

Thank you for your interest in this role. Tender is an arts charity working with children and young people to prevent domestic abuse and sexual violence through creative projects. Our programmes are safe, enjoyable, age-appropriate spaces where young people can engage with sensitive topics and "rehearse" for real-life scenarios. Participants are encouraged to be both consumers and producers of learning through script-work, role-play and creative media such as films and art. Throughout, we enable young people to explore their choices, rights and expectations in relationships and to recognise the early warning signs of abuse.

Since 2003, Tender's work has grown and diversified from a single workshop programme delivered to schools, into a broader range of programmes reaching both children and young people, and professionals with a safeguarding responsibility such as teachers, youth workers, social care workers and foster carers. Tender's programmes include Healthy Relationships projects delivered across London and national hubs, projects delivered using online resources and technology, specialist projects for children and young people who face particular barriers to recognising or accessing support for abuse, whole school and whole setting approaches, and training for professionals.

In primary schools, we build strong foundations through exploring healthy friendships and family relationships. We develop these skills further in secondary schools and youth settings, where we focus on healthy intimate and romantic relationships. We provide training and resources to university student unions, societies and students. Across all settings, we provide training and resources for professionals working with young people to support them in preventing abuse. We also provide training for workplaces to address a range of issues, such as bullying and harassment, and promote healthy workplaces.

Tender's mission is informed by continued evidence that domestic and sexual violence are highly prevalent issues in young people's lives. 16-25-year-olds are widely recognised as the age group most likely to experience an abusive relationship (SafeLives, 2019) and estimated 2.4 million people aged 16-74 years in the UK suffered some form of domestic abuse between 2018-2019: 1.6 million female victims and 786,000 male victims (ONS, 2019).

Domestic abuse happens across all socio-economic groups, meaning it can be experienced by anyone. With a mandatory statutory Relationships, Sex and Health Education curriculum only just coming into play, young people aren't receiving the consistent support they need to navigate this risk. There is therefore a vital need for age-appropriate education around these issues from an early age.

As a result of our programmes: 93% of young people now understand it is never okay to be violent to someone, 99% of young people can name at least one early warning sign of an unhealthy relationship, and 96% have more knowledge about where to seek support for relationship abuse.



### About the role

Tender started working in Norfolk in 2018 and has since gone from strength to strength, developing strong, long-term relationships with schools and funders across the region. In April 2023, we started implementing a new 3-year strategy across Tender, and in the East of England we anticipate a continuing growth in demand for our work from schools and other settings.

As the Projects Coordinator, you will play a key role in that growth, supporting the Programme Manager (East) in coordinating and delivering our work. You will also be a key member of wider national team, with opportunities to work collaboratively with colleagues across the country.

In this role, you will also be part of the Tender team delivering an innovative whole setting approach programme, RE:SET. RE:SET is an online toolkit to support primary, secondary and specialist schools to explore, adapt and reset their existing relationships education across the whole school. It supports schools to promote healthy, equal and respectful relationships and become Healthy Relationships Champion Schools.

You do not need to be based in Norfolk or the surrounding area, as most of the work can be conducted remotely. You may be required to travel to Norfolk from time to time for face-to-face meetings with the Programme Manager (East).

Success in this role would mean that, after six months you will have:

- Successfully coordinated the delivery of our projects in schools and youth settings in East England
- Built good working relationships with the schools and settings we work in, and the facilitators who deliver our work
- Supported and worked flexibly with the Programme Manager and other colleagues to ensure the high quality and continued improvement of our work
- Use Tender's data management systems, such as Microsoft 365 and Salesforce, confidently and in line with Tender's policies

Please see the "Guidance Notes for Applicants" section at the end of this pack for full details of how to apply. We ask for a copy of your CV and a 1 – 2 page supporting statement. We are happy to consider alternative application formats, such as video applications. Please get in touch with Trupti Reddy (<u>trupti@tender.org.uk</u>) if you would like to apply in another format.



# JOB DESCRIPTION PROJECTS COORDINATOR (EAST)

## **Role Purpose**

The main purposes of the Projects Coordinator role are to:

- Coordinate the delivery of Tender's educational programmes to and for children and young people in schools and youth settings in East England (with an initial focus on Norfolk)
- Establish and maintain relationships with Tender's internal and external stakeholders, including colleagues, workshop leaders, teachers/carers, delivery partners and other service professionals
- Monitor and evaluate the impact of Tender's projects

## Main responsibilities

### Project delivery

- Coordinating the delivery of arts-based educational projects in and to schools and youth settings, including digital projects, to educate children and young people about healthy relationships
- Monitoring the progress of projects and working with the Programme Manager (East) to ensure projects are delivered to plan and on time
- Managing the distribution of relevant and appropriate materials and resources to project settings, workshop leaders and other partners involved in project delivery in the region to ensure high-quality project delivery
- Coordinating the evaluation of projects delivered in youth settings to ensure learnings from projects are assessed and shared
- Working with the Tender team to ensure effective and efficient use of time and resource during delivery

#### **Relationships**

- Supporting the Programme Manager (East) to establish and maintain relationships with youth settings to facilitate the delivery and success of educational projects
- Supporting the Programme Manager (East) to manage relationships with other stakeholders involved in the delivery of projects, including workshop leaders, youth leaders, partner organisations, and professional specialists, to ensure stakeholders remain engaged in and committed to the projects' success
- Working with the Programme Manager (East) in managing communications for Tender's projects, including building new relationships with youth settings
- Working with colleagues to manage information flows and communication to ensure knowledge of and learnings from projects are known and understood across Tender

Administration



- Logging, tracking and updating project management documentation (including project booking, securing contracts, carrying out risk assessments) to facilitate transparency of decision-making and accuracy of reporting
- Following monitoring and evaluation procedures to ensure the results of projects are recorded accurately and in a timely manner using specified systems, including Salesforce and SharePoint
- Participating in training and other learning activities to develop relevant professional skills and knowledge
- Undertaking any other reasonable duties commensurate with the grade and competencies required of the post requested by the line management

### Person specification

Knowledge	Essential / Desirable	Assessed in the application (A), interview (I) and/or test (T)
Understanding of the violence against women and girls' sector and current and developing policy and practice in preventing VAWG	E	Α, Ι
Understanding of mainstream primary and secondary educational settings	Е	A, I
Understanding of the statutory requirements under the Relationships, Sex and Health Education curriculum	D	A, I
Understanding of the use of applied arts for social change	D	Α, Ι
Proficiency in office software, including Word, Excel, PowerPoint	E	CV
Proficiency in Salesforce	D	CV
Experience		
Experience of delivering drama or arts-based projects	D	A, I
Experience of coordinating or delivering projects in the VAWG sector or in educational settings	E	Α, Ι
Experience of building and maintaining successful relationships with a diverse range of partners across corporate, public, and third sectors	D	Α, Ι
Experience of monitoring and evaluation of projects	D	I



# Skills and behaviours

Ability to coordinate complex projects involving a range of internal and external stakeholders	E	A, I
Demonstrable commitment to safeguarding and equal opportunities	Е	Ι
Ability to manage your own time and priorities to meet agreed objectives	E	I
Ability to work with colleagues across departments and organisations	E	I
Ability to solve problems, working flexibly and collaboratively	E	Ι

# Summary of terms and conditions

Title	Projects Coordinator (East)
Department	Schools & Youth Settings – East
Reporting to	Programme Manager (East)
Responsible for	Freelance facilitators
Contract	Fixed term, 6 months (with the possibility of extension)
Salary	£27,680 pa pro rata (please note, we cannot negotiate on the starting salary)
Hours	2.5 days/week (with the possibility to extend to 3.5 days/week)
Place of work	Remote
Benefits	25 days holiday pa (pro rata) plus public holidays
	Employer contribution to pension
	Employee assistance programme
	Flexible working



# **GUIDANCE NOTES FOR APPLICANTS**

### Application process and key dates

Please submit your CV, including education, qualifications, and full employment history and any other relevant experience showing responsibilities and relevant achievements. Please also submit a 1 – 2 page supporting statement that demonstrates how you meet the criteria in the person specification. Both documents can be submitted using our recruitment portal for the <u>Projects Coordinator (East)</u> role.

If you need this information or any of our job application forms in an alternative format, please contact us by email at <u>home@tender.org.uk</u> or by phone, on 0207 697 4277. We are happy to receive applications in alternative formats. If you would like to have an informal conversation about the role before applying, Suzi Loades would be happy to speak to you. You can contact Suzi at suzi@tender.org.uk

Closing date for applications:	28 February 2025, 11.59pm
Shortlisting:	W/c 3 March 2025
First round interviews:	W/c 10 March 2025
Start date:	ASAP

Tender does not pay for interview travel expenses. However, we may reimburse candidates on job seeker allowance for reasonable travel expenses up to a maximum of £15 to attend an interview if prior authorisation has been obtained.

Due to the volume of applications we receive, we are unable to provide candidates with feedback about their applications. We will provide feedback to any candidates shortlisted for interview.

## Writing your supporting statement

The supporting statement plays a key part of our recruitment and selection process. We use the information you provide to decide whether or not to invite you for an interview. It is important that you complete the supporting statement as fully and accurately as possible, ensuring that you give specific examples which demonstrate how you meet the essential and desirable criteria for the role for which you are applying. Incomplete applications are unlikely to pass shortlisting.

The supporting statement is intended to allow you to provide evidence of your experience, knowledge, skills and abilities that are relevant to the role as described in the role profile. Selection is based on the evidence you provide against the requirements of the role as set out in the person specification. It is important that you tailor your response to clearly demonstrate how you meet each requirement. No assumptions will be made about your achievements and abilities.



Please provide examples of past experience that clearly demonstrate what we are looking for, and be precise about what you did, how you did it and the outcome or results of your actions. A useful guide is the STAR method:

- **Specific**: give a specific example
- **Task**: briefly describe the task/objective/problem
- Action: tell us what you did
- **Results**: describe what results were achieved

Please provide examples from work experience, or from other aspects of your life such as voluntary work, school or college work, or family/home responsibilities.

## **Equality opportunities**

We aim to remove any barriers, bias or discrimination that prevent individuals or groups from realising their potential and contributing fully to Tender's performance and to develop a culture that positively values diversity. We are committed, to achieving and maintaining a workforce that broadly reflects the local communities in which we operate.

If you have the right skills for the job, we want to hear from you. We welcome applications from people from all backgrounds and with all different kinds of life experiences, including those who have had breaks in their careers for any reason.

We particularly welcome applications from male-identifying candidates and candidates from a Black, Asian or other minority ethnic background as they are currently under-represented within Tender. We have made a positive commitment to employ disabled people and guarantee to interview all disabled candidates who meet the minimum essential criteria for the role as set out in the role profile and person specification. If you wish you apply for consideration under the guaranteed interview scheme, please note this in your supporting statement.

We ask applicants to complete an <u>equal opportunities monitoring form</u>. This is voluntary, but the information we ask for goes towards helping us ensure we are an inclusive employer by monitoring diversity in the workplace. This form will not be seen by anyone involved in reviewing applications or interviewing candidates. We will only use your information for the purposes specified on the form and detailed in our Privacy Notice (available on our website).

Our roles are open to discussion about flexible working, which would include arrangements such as part-time working, formalised flexi time, fixed working hours, working from home and job-sharing subject to business needs.

Please let us know if you require any adjustments to be made to the shortlisting process or to provide any information you wish us to take into account when considering your application. If you are selected for interview, we will ask you to let us know if you have any access needs or may require reasonable adjustments to the interview or assessment at that stage. Please be



assured we will be supportive in discussing reasonable adjustments with you at any stage of the recruitment and selection process and, should you be appointed, as part of your employment with us.

# Safeguarding

This role is subject to an enhanced disclosure being sought from the Disclosure and Barring Service, and the successful applicant will be required to register with the DBS Update Service. If you already have a DBS certificate, and are registered with the DBS Update Service, please include this information in your application. If you are the successful candidate, we will ask for your permission to access the DBS Update Service and we would also need to view your disclosure certificate.

The successful candidate will be required to provide evidence of entitlement to work in the UK. All job offers are subject to the receipt of two satisfactory references: one of these should be your present or most recent employer, the other could be someone who knows you in a work-related, voluntary or academic capacity. Both referees should be able to comment on your suitability for the post applied for.

## Data protection

Tender is committed to complying with data protection regulations. We only use your information for the purposes specified on this form and detailed in our Privacy Notice. Please note that your application form will be stored securely, and the information you have provided will not be disclosed to any outside agency unless we are obliged to do so.

Forms from successful applicants will be used as a basis for the personnel record. Forms from unsuccessful applicants will be destroyed after 6 months, with the exception of forms from applicants who have consented for their details to be held on file for future vacancies; these forms will be held for a further 18 months.

## **Complaints procedure**

Any applicant who considers that they have been unfairly treated or discriminated against can contact Trupti Reddy (<u>trupti@tender.org.uk</u>) in writing or by email. Complaints received within one month will be taken seriously and investigated promptly and sensitively by the CEO and COO, who will advise of the outcome. This does not affect your legal rights.