



Application Pack

***Future Me* Employability Programme**

Mind the Gap is one of Europe's leading learning disability theatre companies creating bold, cutting-edge work for UK and international audiences. Mind the Gap is based in Bradford.

The Future Me Programme:

Future Me is an employment programme for people with learning disabilities aged 16+ to help them move towards employment, education and training. The programme will be delivered in two stages:

Stage 1. October to December 2020

- Employment skills workshops will be delivered online via Zoom and WhatsApp.
- Weekly 30-minute support phone call and resource packs through the post.
- Structured, stimulating activities for the mind and body using online resources.

Stage 2. January to March 2021

- Real world meet ups from January 2021 to work places in Halifax, Bradford, Kirklees and Leeds - if it is safe to do so.
- Work experience and volunteer opportunities organised with local arts venues and organisations.

Who is it for?

People with a learning disability aged 16+ on 1 October 2020 who are living in the areas of Leeds, Bradford, Kirklees or Calderdale, who can:

- Commit to 5 hours of time each week to take part in the programme
- See themselves moving towards employment, training or education
- Demonstrate an interest in the arts, like drama, dance or art

What will you learn?

- Practical skills to start a career in the arts
- Knowledge and understanding of job roles in the arts
- Employability skills including interview techniques and understanding the world of work
- Organising, planning skills and time keeping
- How to build self-confidence and a positive attitude
- How to create a CV – both in writing and on video
- How to work and communicate with different people

Hours of learning: Approximately 5 hours per week.

Duration: 6 months

Deadline for Applications: Friday 16 October 2020 at 5pm

Interviews: Wednesday 21 & Thursday 22 October on Zoom, Skype or on the telephone

How to apply:

If you think this is an opportunity for you, then fill in an Application Form and complete the Supporting Information by answering the three questions. You can download everything you need from Mind the Gap's website or ask for a copy to be posted to you by contacting Maria Thelwell.

Maria can also answer any questions you might have.

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Application Form and Supporting Information - what to do!

Complete: Part 1 of the **Application Form** with your details.

Complete: Part 2 of the **Supporting Information** by answering the three questions on the form. **You can send this back to us by either:** writing up to two pages of A4 size paper **or** making a short video on your mobile phone (up to 5 minutes) **or** recording a sound file (up to 5 minutes).

Send to us:

Send the **Application Form** and **Supporting Information** both back to us by post, email or telephone.

What happens next?

When we have received your application we will contact you to let you know that we have it. Your application will be reviewed by a panel of three people, who will then select a short-list of candidates for interview.

If you are short-listed, you will be invited to an interview. We will send you all the information you need to prepare for the interview and ask you if you have any access needs.

You can be supported by someone in your interview if you like.

We look forward to hearing from you.