



Job Description: Online Course Trainer

- Freelance status as part of a pool of Lightyear Online Course Trainers
- Fees for ad hoc services: £100 per 1-hour standard course delivery online; £150 per 2-hour extended course online; content adaptation for specific audiences at an agreed project rate

About Lightyear Foundation

We break down the barriers to disabled children participating in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths), using the magic and wonder of these topics to teach life skills, build confidence, inspire a curiosity in the world and have fun! We welcome ALL disabled children, including those with Down's syndrome and cerebral palsy, autistic children, visually impaired children and those with long-term health conditions such as cancer. Some children in our settings are non-verbal or use communication aids and assistive technology.

You can find out more about us at our website: lightyearfoundation.org

The opportunity

We are increasing the number of 'Making STEM Accessible' training courses we deliver across the UK and are recruiting to build our talented pool of freelance trainers to deliver this important programme.

The 'Making STEM Accessible' course is an off-the-shelf 1-hour online product with a set of PowerPoint slides to talk through and open up for facilitated discussion. The learning objectives include:

- Understand what society can lose when we do not include disabled learners
- Understand Lightyear Foundation's multi-themed approach to inclusive learning
- Learn the importance of knowing the audience you are working with
- Learn methods employed to keep participants safe during online and in-person sessions
- Understand how to plan and deliver an inclusive activity, both in-person and online
- Learn the importance of celebrating achievements

The course is suitable for visitor attractions, science museums, charities, councils, mainstream schools, SEN resource hubs, special schools and any other organisations working with children. We have found that staff from schools are often looking for a refresher on best practice, or to learn new and creative ways to engage and inspire disabled children in STEM. Or perhaps a science museum or visitor attraction would like to know how best to adapt their 'explainer' script and activities to be more inclusive of a SEND audience. Another example might be an organisation launching a new STEM activity for children who would like to ensure it is fully accessible and inclusive of children with additional needs. It's a wonderful opportunity to reflect on their approach and explore new techniques together.

Trainer profile

We're looking for passionate and enthusiastic trainers with SEND experience, ideally with a background in education and with a qualification at any level in a STEM subject. You will know basic Makaton (or be willing to learn at a foundation level) as there is a section within the training on using this language. Given the different levels of audience knowledge and individual objectives, you will need to flex the explanation of the content to suit our delegates.

Our standard training session is delivered over Zoom using a set of slides for 1 hour. Sometimes an organisation would like an extended session, either adding a specific learning objective or just having more time to discuss the existing content.

Essential skills:

- Experience in delivering standardised training products
- Ability to adapt content to the audience and their objectives
- Experience in working with disabled children

Desirable skills:

- Knowledge and experience of using basic Makaton (some training provided)
- Educated to any level in a STEM subject
- Experience of the education sector (as a teacher or support worker)
- Experience of the charity sector
- Understanding of the informal science education sector
- Ability to create new content as an extension to the course for a specific audience

DBS check: Possession of a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Services (DBS) Check at Enhanced level is required. If you do not already have a recent DBS certificate, we will arrange one for successful candidates.

To apply:

Please email Elle Wilks, Deputy CEO: elle@lightyearfoundation.org

- Your CV or LinkedIn URL
- A short covering note (max 1 side of A4) OR a short video explaining your interest in the role

Successful applicants will be asked for details of two referees and are subject to an enhanced DBS check.

At Lightyear Foundation we embrace diversity. We're therefore encouraging applicants from all backgrounds and especially those from black, Asian and minority ethnic groups as well as those with lived experience of disability.

As a freelance Lightyear Course Trainer, you take full responsibility for the payment of all income tax, assessments and National Insurance. We are not obliged to guarantee any working hours. Equally, you are not obliged to accept any work that we do offer you.