

FREELANCE TEACHER ROLE

The TRUST Programme is a nature-based, connection focussed provision for children who are struggling to engage in learning in mainstream schools, based at the stunning Courteenhall Estate. It is research-based and works because of engagement from children, their schools and their parents/carers. We have consistent evidence that the programme works to improve skills in: Trying, Resilience, Understanding and empathy, Self-regulation and Teamwork. Children have opportunities to try a range of activities such as slackline, fire lighting, pond-dipping, gardening and cooking, and of course meeting the animals!



We are looking for someone exceptional, who loves being outdoors and recognises the benefits to children of being in nature. Do you have an interest in bush crafts, and other outdoor based activities? Do you recognise the importance of using slower methods of teaching and promote a curiosity approach to learning?



We are looking for someone who has a passion to proactively support the most vulnerable learners so that they transfer their skills to their mainstream schools. We are looking for someone who understands or would like to understand child development, and use that knowledge to move learning along. We would like to work with people who want to know more about trauma-sensitive teaching and who thrive on seeing children make demonstrable progress over a relatively short period of time.

This role would suit someone who:

- would like to work part time, on a freelance basis
- would like to work part time in school and part time freelance with us
- has recently left teaching and would like to use their skills to try something different
- would like to train school professionals as well as parents/carers in the future
- would like to work 8.30am-4pm with a focus on wellbeing

Please note that this role is subject to enhanced DBS clearance and right to work in the UK. Anyone working for New Leaf Learning will be expected to adhere to their safeguarding policies, Working Together to Safeguard Children and Keeping Children Safe in Education legislation.

Job Overview	
Freelance TRUST Teacher	
2 days a week 8.30am-4pm (2 of Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday) 5 weeks per short term only. From 25th February-10th July 2025 initially (dates to be confirmed) Start ASAP	Daily rate: £160-£200, 10 (1 day/week), 20 (2 days/week) or 30 (3 days/week) days per long term Negotiable based on experience
Qualifications	Evidence
Essential	
Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)	Certificates DfEE no.
Safeguarding Level 2 minimum or willingness to complete	Certificates (NLL will facilitate and fund)
DBS	Enhanced DBS Check (NLL will facilitate and fund)
Preferred	
Experience of working with children with SEND/Mental Health needs/Children affected by ACEs	Reference Certificates

Experience/aspiration to leadership	Conversation
Experience/aspiration to lead training for adults	Conversation

We are looking for a:

- rigorous and proactive teacher who will aim to ensure the safety of themselves and those that they work with by following processes that are in place.
- practitioner who can deliver The TRUST Programme (full training given) inspiring fun, challenge and engagement.
- dynamic and enthusiastic teacher who is dedicated to making real difference to children's lives using trauma and SEND sensitive methods to promote positive learning behaviour in physically and emotionally safe spaces.
- teacher who is confident to lead and educate school staff and parents to support their children in a trauma and SEND sensitive way (full training will be given)
- teacher that enjoys the benefits of being outside and can relate to improving skills in safe learning spaces.
- solution-focussed practitioner who works well in a team and individually.
- practitioner with consistent and competent record-keeping skills.

The role

You will:

- work alongside the Lead Teacher in the first instance, and, where necessary deputise for the role at Courteenhall Estate.
- meet and greet up to 6 children and 2-4 school staff at a time, creating physically and emotionally safe learning spaces for them whilst promoting the pedagogy and principles of The TRUST Programme (full training given).
- support freelance session leaders (Yoga and drumming) to fulfil their role.
- prepare resources for each session, teaching safe practice, risk assessment and skills needed for each task, which will include: slackline, tool use, gardening and cooking, teaching trees, den-building, animal handling, fire and pond-dipping.
- lead the teaching and facilitate learning amongst all levels of school staff.
- communicate with schools to co-ordinate data collection from teachers.
- complete a short, written report on each child to be presented in the final graduation session.
- In time, be required to hold parent and staff sessions to teach The TRUST Programme.

If you are interested in this role, please contact admin@newleafl.com in the first instance.

Currently there is one role available as we need to increase our capacity due to an increase in demand.

Appointment process:

- **By Friday 14th February:** Submit CV with a covering letter to include your experience and reasons that you are interested in this role. Submit contact details for your reference and their relationship to you (must be someone in a supervising role in the last 3 years. You may provide details of a second referee who knows you well professionally), to admin@newleafl.com.
- **By Friday 28th February:** Visit to Courteenhall and meet with Lead Teacher info@newleafl.com or 07510 075644.
- If selected based on submissions, meet with trustees **soon after 28th February TBC.**
- You will be notified within 2 days.

