



Callout to evaluate the NCJAA professional mentoring scheme

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The National Criminal Justice Arts Alliance (NCJAA) is seeking an experienced researcher to evaluate our professional mentoring scheme.

About the NCJAA professional mentoring scheme

The NCJAA's purpose is to promote effective practice, undertake and showcase specialist work and research, provide opportunities for skills, knowledge and network development, raise the profile of the sector, inform related policy and build sector sustainability and resilience. The professional mentoring scheme is an annual scheme that has been running since 2013-14. Through the scheme, we aim to share knowledge of arts and criminal justice across our network by providing opportunities for early career practitioners to get support and guidance from experts within the field. The scheme is intended to expand opportunities for individuals to develop professional skills and knowledge in the field of arts and criminal justice through one-to-one mentoring relationships.

The call-out

We are looking for someone to produce a **summary evaluation report** covering effectiveness of the scheme and practical recommendations for improvements when the scheme recommences in 2021.

This will involve analysis of content from a mentor focus group (carried out earlier in the year), and other qualitative research activities as appropriate (e.g. conducting a series of interviews with key stakeholders, including current and former mentees and mentors).

What we're looking for

This opportunity is open to academic researchers, research consultants and other independent researchers. The ideal candidate will have:

- Experience of undertaking research/working in the arts in criminal justice sector
- An understanding of the arts and culture and criminal justice sectors
- Research and evaluation report writing expertise.

We anticipate this will be approximately five days' work.

How to apply

Interested applicants are invited to send a brief outline of how they would approach the work and details of relevant experience along with an outline budget and timeline. Please also attach an up to date Curriculum Vitae. **Please send this to Joni Emery (joni.emery@clinks.org) before the 11th January 2021 at 5pm.** The work needs to be completed by the 19th March 2021 (with a draft provided at an agreed date in advance of the completion date). If you have any further questions please get in touch with Victoria Sadler (victoria.sadler@clinks.org).

About the NCJAA

The National Criminal Justice Arts Alliance (NCJAA) aims to ensure that everyone in the criminal justice system has access to arts and culture as a springboard to positive change. The NCJAA is an Arts Council England's Sector Support Organisation as part of its National Portfolio, and is managed by Clinks, the national infrastructure organisation supporting voluntary sector organisations working in the criminal justice system. Find out more at artsincriminaljustice.org.uk.