

Drama-Activity Leader

Job Title	Drama-Activity Leader
Line Manager	Activity Manager
Pay rate	Competitive salary + accommodation, full board and holiday pay Fully paid training weekend with First Aid course
Contracts available	Fixed-term contracts of 4-weeks
Dates	June - August
Centres available	Bath, Hatfield (London), Hull, Lincoln, Liverpool

Our Mission

At Target, we aim to provide our students with a comfortable and caring setting in the UK to improve their communication in English and develop skills for a more global society. We want our students to leave the course with a better understanding of UK culture and the inspiration to become life-long learners of English.

Overview of Role

We run junior residential summer courses for students who come to the UK to experience British culture, visit new places, have fun and improve their English language skills. We have students from all over the world; Italy, Spain, France, Portugal, Russia, Ukraine, Qatar, Argentina, Israel and China to name a few.

Activity Leaders are at the core of our activities programme. The role requires **enthusiastic, personable and energetic individuals** to help organise and prepare the social programme (individual to each centre), run activities, take students on trips and excursions and ensure that our students have a memorable, fun and safe time.

On weekdays students have classes in either the morning or afternoon. The rest of the time is spent with Activity Leaders on local visits, excursions or on-site activities. It is a busy programme and there is always something to do, so **the ideal Activity Leader is well-organised, confident and fun, with a can-do attitude and is always happy to get involved.**







On-site activities are an important part of our programme, especially the **Drama Workshop**. Our Drama-Activity Leaders are **people who are passionate about all things related to the theatre**, possibly with experience and/or qualifications in this field. We want them to plan and lead our workshops, encourage our students to get involved in the workshops, while using English, and embrace their dramatic side!

We encourage students to speak English at all times whilst on activities and excursions and Activity Leaders are expected to engage with all students and ensure that English is being practiced.

In each centre we run a busy, varied and exciting activity programme, aimed specifically at teenagers. An important aspect of the activity programme is for students to learn about the local history and culture of the area in which they are staying and the UK in general. We combine activities and English language learning through the use of our Activity Books, individual to each location, and to be used by the students

on each trip. It is part of the Activity Leader’s duties to encourage use of these books and to assist the students.

Sample Student Week in Liverpool Centre with Morning Lessons

	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Monday	 LESSONS	Excursion to Liverpool and Albert Dock	Welcome Party
Tuesday		On-site activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports • Drama/Street Dance • Enterprise English 	Scavenger Hunt
Wednesday		 Excursion to The Beatles Story	Fashion Show
Thursday		On-site activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports • Drama/Street Dance • Enterprise English 	Disco! 
Friday		 Excursion to Lancaster Castle	Games Night
Saturday		Full Day Excursion: Manchester & Old Trafford 	Murder Mystery
Sunday		 Full Day Excursion: The Lake District & Windermere Cruise	Film Night

Main Duties and Responsibilities

- Attend on-site induction prior to the students' arrival
- Welcome groups to the centre and assist with student inductions
- Assist with the planning, preparation and organisation of Drama Workshops under the guidance of the Activity Manager
- Actively advertise, promote and explain the Drama Workshops to students and their group leaders
- Confidently lead Drama Workshops and other activities
- Lead excursions to tourist destinations either alone or as part of a team
- Conduct interactive walking tours around cities (information provided)
- Enthusiastically participate in activities and excursions in order to encourage student participation
- Engage with and motivate students during activities and excursions, in order to foster positive learning outcomes and use of English
- Utilise the Activity Books and actively promote the use of them whilst on excursions
- Set up, monitor and report back on the excursion tasks that students are required to undertake
- Read and understand risk assessments for all sports, activities and excursions
- Record attendance on trips and excursions
- Ensure the health, safety and welfare of students at all times, reporting any issues to the Activity Manager
- Maintain adequate levels of discipline both in and out of activity sessions, reporting any inappropriate or disruptive behaviour to Activity Manager/Centre Manager
- Supervise meal times on a rota basis and generally supervise students on campus outside of activities.
- Residential staff: Performing evening patrols on a rota basis, ensuring students go to, and stay in, bed
- Assist students and group leaders with any special requests (e.g. student birthday announcements)
- Comply with all Target English International regulations, policies and procedures
- Co-operate with all Target English International staff and host college staff
- Contribute to the smooth running of the centre
- Represent Target English International professionally at all times
- Attend all staff meetings
- Assist with Trinity examination days, as required by the Director of Studies
- Any other reasonable/appropriate duties as required

Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No specific qualifications but good standard of education required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drama Qualifications/Certificates Sports Coaching Certificates Duke of Edinburgh Awards Safeguarding Certificates Other Leadership awards
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Able to communicate clearly and coherently in English Awareness of Customer Service Basic IT skills and technical ability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of the local area at the centre you are applying for Knowledge of the UK, its history and culture
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must demonstrate a genuine interest in working with young people Experience in the field of drama; either teaching or being actively involved in productions, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience leading drama classes or workshops, either for adults or children Previous experience in summer schools Experience working or volunteering with children and teenagers Customer Service positions Organisation of events or excursions Leadership positions Speaking and presenting to large groups
Abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flexible and able to adapt to change Able to take the initiative Able to lead Proactive Motivated Communicative Organised Confident Enthusiastic Able to walk for extended periods of time Able to confidently speak to large groups of people 	

Safeguarding

In line with safer recruitment, where roles require responsibility for, or substantial access to, under 18s, our recruitment procedure includes the following:

- All references will be followed up
- Reference requests ask specifically whether there is any reason that [the applicant] should not be engaged in situations where they have responsibility for, or substantial access to, persons under 18
- All gaps in employment history must be explained satisfactorily
- Proof of identity and copies of qualification certificates are required
- Suitability checks (Enhanced DBS checks or overseas equivalent) will be required prior to confirmation of appointment.
- Staff complete online Safeguarding and online Prevent training.

How to apply

If you feel you meet our requirements, please find our application form on the Work With Us page of our website <http://www.targetenglishinternational.com/work-with-us/> . If you would like to discuss the role informally, please call Recruitment on +44 (0) 1482 755644.