

## **Position Description – The Lab Mentor**

IT support and mentoring to young people with High Functioning Autism.

**Reporting to:** The Lab Supervisor at your Lab.

### **Objective of this Position**

To provide The Lab participants with access to IT skills which may be of interest to them or provide increased skill in areas of interest. Additionally mentors will form a connection with participants and encourage self confidence and social skills.

### **Main Duties and Responsibilities**

- Facilitate sessions
- Engage the participants using technology and their own interests
- Fix any hardware and software issues that may come up
- Encourage the participants to connect with other members of the group
- Teach, when requested, various programs, games technical skills etc

### **Essential requirements of the position**

- Mentors have high-level of knowledge of computer programming or other digital media development skills.
- Mentors are not teachers and not necessarily teacher trained.
- Mentors must have social and cultural capital with the participants (they need to not just be good at tech, they need to love tech and work in tech).
- Mentors must have an intuitive understanding of individuals with Asperger's Syndrome.
- Mentors must be capable of developing strong and purposeful mentoring relationships with participants.
- Mentors must be capable of supporting self-directed learning and individual project-based programs that are led and driven by the participants.
- Mentors must have experience with several or all of the following technologies;
  - Minecraft
  - Steam
  - 3d Design
  - Graphic Design
  - Video Making
  - Music Making
  - Gamemaker
  - Unity3d
  - Programming
  - Web Design

### **Desirable Qualities**

- Empathy & understanding of children with Asperger's and HFA.
- Experience dealing with someone with a disability.
- Ability to look at the strengths of the person rather than just see the disability.

**Desirable Qualifications may include**

- Tertiary qualification in IT
- Current employment in IT related field
- Experience in gaming

**Screening**

At the Lab, we are committed to ensuring the safety of children in our care. All successful mentors will be holders of a satisfactory police check, and a Working With Children Check or Blue Card, as relevant to their State or Territory.

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