

## **Breathe Magic Intensive Therapy Programme Magic Trainer – FAQ's**

### **Who can apply to be a Magic Trainer?**

Magic Trainers are typically Occupational Therapy students looking to gain experience working with children and young people with disabilities. The role is also suitable for Physiotherapy students. We have previously accepted applications from graduate and qualified Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists. If you're a teacher or teaching assistant and interested in the role, please do get in touch.

### **What are the benefits of working as a Breathe Magic Trainer?**

Being a Magic Trainer is an opportunity to see the Breathe Magic Intensive Therapy Programme in action. This is a fun and unique opportunity to be a part of a team delivering life-changing outcomes for young people and their families.

Not only is this a fun and unique programme to be a part of, but it's also a great way to gain paediatric neurology experience. You'll receive support from our Joint Clinical Lead Occupational Therapists throughout the programme and will have the opportunity to work closely with children with a wide range of hemiplegic presentations. You will be exposed to factors such as tone, weakness, dystonia, passive range limitations, scaling of and adapting activities based on varying presentations and needs, as well as many other factors applicable within a paediatric neurological setting.

All the above will be fabulous for your CV in terms of knowledge and clinical experience. As well as the satisfaction you'll get from seeing the young people grow and develop their skills, and you'll also learn how to perform some magic tricks to wow friends and family!

### **What support and training do I receive?**

Before camp starts, all Magic Trainers must attend a compulsory Magic Trainer training day where our Clinical Leads will explain more about the Breathe Magic Intensive Therapy Programme and the role of a Magic Trainer. This will include all the logistical information as well as how the therapy works and what you'll be expected to do day-to-day on camp as well as learning some magic from one of our Magicians!

During the programme, you will receive support and assistance from the Clinical Leads throughout the day when working with the young people. They will be on hand to guide you with the therapy strategies given to each young person and to support you whilst writing up SOAP notes at the end of each day. You'll also be part of the morning and end of day staff meetings which include debriefs for everyone and offer the chance for you to ask any questions. Of course, the wider Breathe team, including our Magicians and staff team, will also always be on hand to guide you through the programme.

After the programme has ended, we will invite you to a half-day CPD training session on upper-limb bimanual therapy (worth £200) led by our Lead Occupational Therapists. We will then provide a letter of commendation and a CPD certificate following the training.

**What is the minimum time commitment needed?**

To get the most out of the experience and to ensure consistency for the young people, we prefer Magic Trainers to commit to the ten days on camp. However, we can be flexible on occasion and may accept a minimum of five days commitment.

**Do I need DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) clearance?**

Yes, your role involves working with children, so you must have an enhanced DBS certification. This will be processed and paid for by Breathe.

**Do you accept applications from overseas?**

Following Brexit, EU nationals are still able to volunteer in the UK if they have one of the following:

- Settled or pre-settled status.
- A visa which doesn't prevent them from volunteering.
- Enrolment in any EU-funded volunteering programme with a placement in the UK, such as Erasmus + or the European Solidarity Corps.

**When will I hear if my application has been successful?**

We aim to contact all applicants within two weeks of the application deadline and to confirm if you are successful to interview. We will then invite you to the group interview date with our Lead Occupational Therapists and confirm your availability to the compulsory training day.

**What if my availability changes or I can no longer attend?**

Please let us know in writing by email as soon as possible.

**Do you provide accommodation and cover travel expenses?**

As a not-for-profit social enterprise company, we, unfortunately, don't have the budget to cover accommodation or travel expenses; however, we will do our best to support you in finding accommodation if you require it.

If you are a professional Occupational Therapist, the Elizabeth Casson Trust offers financial support to OT's developing their practice. Funding is offered based on the merit/strength of the application and how the individual can relate the learning to their personal development and benefits to service users.

Find out more information [here](#).



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**The camp location is too far away for me to attend – will you run camps in different locations in future?**

We are currently planning camps in London for 2023 and in Gloucestershire for 2024. In the future, we hope we can continue to expand and run Breathe Magic camps across the UK to reach and benefit as many children with hemiplegia as possible.