

14th March 2023

Name: Lewis Dobbs

Placement Period: May 2021 to March 2023

Role: Performers Coordinator, Support Producer, Video Editor and Steward

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I have had the pleasure of working with Lewis for the past few years whilst he served as a multitude of roles for the Open Arts Festival CIC.

From the outset, Lewis had shown the ability to establish an excellent rapport, and with genuine enthusiasm took on each role with gusto. Lewis was one of the initial applicants and he showed the level of commitment and positive attitude, ensuring to fulfil the weekly and end of project tasks whilst meeting all the deadlines.

Lewis had a unique ability to actively listen and make the connections between the different roles at OAF! and the bigger picture. He considered carefully what worked and what didn't, and had shown an element of business acumen - considering the type of performers, alongside the types of venues and the cost implications.

The most impressive work to date is Lewis' ability to bring forward some exciting new acts, performers and musicians for upcoming productions - he has a very good ear and understanding of what we were looking for as a whole. He is a good researcher and all our performers have only said positive things with Lewis' attitude and behaviour.

Lewis was able to contribute above the role requirements and established himself as the "go-to-person" in the team for music insight. For instance, Lewis presented his take on promo music which related back to the brand and voice of OAF! to support the promo videos. I selected one of his suggestions immediately. This showed Lewis was willing to step into something new.

Lewis is also exceptionally responsible and dedicated. I have rarely met a student placement over the past ten years upon whom I can rely on as much as Lewis.

I think very highly of this young, bright man and recommend Lewis without reservation for employment, whether it's full-time, part-time, or just seasonal work.

Please let me know if you have any further questions about him. Also, I am available to talk to you by phone or video conference to further explain Lewis' experience working with OAF! in more detail.

Sincerely

Yas Shilton

Executive Producer