

JOB DESCRIPTION

Background

Cross Rhythms media is pioneering an online platform aimed at UK teenagers, called xRhythms. More details can be found at www.crossrhythms.co.uk/xrhythms and www.xrhythms.co.uk/about/

Job placement title

xRhythms Music Journalist

Reporting to

The Music Journalist is managed by the xRhythms Content Controller.

Job placement summary

The Music Journalist is responsible for writing and creating engaging and timely content for the music section of the xRhythms website.

This includes researching and reporting on music news, interviewing artists, reviewing albums, writing and editing multiple articles a week, and working with team on posts. Our articles focus on Christian rap, hip-hop, rock, and pop music and artists.

Feel free to share samples of your work or portfolio of your articles, along with your application.

Responsibilities

- Get enough content for reviews and interviews – books, press releases, artists.
- Brainstorm and pitch news story ideas.
- Write music news articles and reviews for the xRhythms website.
- Record video interviews with artists in person or on Skype.
- Write, edit and upload music content onto the xRhythms website, including sourcing images/videos/gifs, ensuring it's Search Engine Optimised.
- Create music video list articles for the music section of the xRhythms website.
- Curate music videos from YouTube for Visual Radio Player and xRhythms YouTube channel playlists.
- Working with team on other music related posts and projects.
- Attend music events to conduct interviews and write stories as required.

Note: Your Placement will take place at our HQ in Stoke-on-Trent, and we will aim to help you find suitable accommodation if required. Additionally, in light of COVID restrictions, we may offer you to undertake your Placement remotely/virtually, for all or part of the 6 months.

Skills, experience and qualifications

Interest and knowledge of Christian artists (Ideal), Interest in rap and hip-hop music, Writing skills, Strong verbal and written communication skills, Strong research skills, Computer literate, Time management skills.

Employment support and training

You will be mentored, trained and supported continuously by the xRhythms Content Controller.

That support and training will help develop your skills to fulfil your role. You will learn how to use any equipment and software relevant to your role and be given initial and ongoing training to develop those skills.

You will gain plenty of experience working in the media environment and producing media content for publication. This will develop your skills in: hitting deadlines, researching, interviewing and/or communicating with other participants, and producing quality content.

In addition we will help to develop your CV writing skills, interview techniques, CPD skills and communication and teamwork skills. You will also be enrolled on the Staffordshire Chambers of Commerce Kickstart Network – this network will provide monthly networking events and CPD development sessions once a month for your Kickstart placement, which will help you to develop your employability skills as well as network with like-minded placements.

We will provide you with any equipment you might need to fulfil your role.

Working pattern and contracted hours

Part-time, 25 hours per week. Monday – Thursday, 10am – 5pm (including 45 minutes unpaid lunch).

Salary

National Minimum Wage/Living Wage as appropriate.

How to apply

To apply you must be 16-24 years old and be on Universal Credit.

Interested applicants should email hr@crossrhythms.co.uk to express their interest directly to us.

Then you need to apply by telling your Work Coach at your local job centre that you are interested in the **xRhythms Music Journalist** role at **Cross Rhythms** in Stoke-on-Trent (**ST1 1HE**). Your Work Coach will then refer you to the job.

Closing date for applications: 31st July 2021.

Anticipated start date: 9th August 2021.