**Creative artists, writers and performers required for research communication workshops!!**

**Deadline: Friday 15th May 2015**

NHS Research and Development North West is looking for a number of creative people and /or teams to help run a series of workshops with NHS Researchers to help them learn how to communicate their key research messages in more creative and innovative ways.

Are you an individual or part of a team that could adapt your particular creative skill to be able to communicate important research messages? Could you teach NHS researchers how to use your creative methods to communicate?

NHS Research and Development North West have worked with writers, comedians, artists and musicians in the past three years and are now looking for fresh inspiration!

If you or your team feel you have something unique to offer, whether you are artists, writers, performers, jugglers, gymnasts, actors, comedians, dancers, ventriloquists, musicians, or you work in any other creative genre that you think would work in the context described then we want to hear from you. The more creative, innovative and unusual the better.

**Each successful applicant will be funded to run at least one full day workshop in the North West of England as part of an annual programme of work. Successful and popular workshops will also be considered for further funding.**

Applicants should provide a covering letter summarising their qualifications and describing the artistic work they envision they would undertake in a one day workshop.  Applications must also include a CV of career achievements (publications, performances, awards, residencies), and two letters of reference discussing the applicant’s skills as an artist.

Applications are welcomed from all suitably qualified candidates, however, full proficiency in English is required, and publications or performance credits in English would be an advantage.  NHS R&D North West is committed to principles of equality and diversity. **The application deadline is 12 noon on Friday 15th May 2015.** Electronic submissions of application materials are preferred at the NHS R&D North West email address given below, but attachments must be in Microsoft Word or PDF only. Please direct inquiries and electronic application materials to Gillian Southgate, gillian.southgate@researchnorthwest.nhs.uk

Successful applicants will be invited to audition/interview on 10th/18th June 2015 in Manchester, UK.

NHS R&D North West is based in Manchester city cente and comprises a core team of seven people, with a number of associate members, all led by Dr Stuart Eglin, Regional Director of R&D. The team aims to co-create a strategic approach to R&D. We facilitate NHS organisations and Universities working collaboratively to develop and secure high quality, innovative bids for research funding. We aim to speed up the process of taking research breakthroughs into NHS patient care to improve treatments and patient care locally and for the wider NHS. Further information can be found at: http://www.research.northwest.nhs.uk