



Theatre Manager at Cornerstone
Theatre

Application Pack

Sutton Community Academy
Sutton-in-Ashfield



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Welcome from the Chief Executive

Thank you for your interest in joining Academy Transformation Trust. Choosing the right next step in your career is an important decision, and I am delighted that you are considering doing so with us.

At ATT we are driven by a simple but profound belief: every child can and should become capable, competent, and confident. Our purpose is to transform lives through education, and our strategy, ATT2030, sets out how we will achieve this for every pupil, every colleague, and every community we serve.

We know that people are at the heart of everything we do. Our trust thrives because of the talent, dedication, and values of our colleagues. If you choose to join us, you will become part of a high-trust, high-accountability organisation where principals are empowered to lead, colleagues are supported to grow, and everyone is united in the moral purpose of education.

We are ambitious for our pupils and ambitious for our people. Across the trust you will find a culture of collaboration, professional excellence, and deep care for one another. We celebrate hard work, integrity, and teamwork, and we create opportunities for everyone to flourish.

I wish you every success with your application. Whether or not you go on to join us, I hope you will recognise that ATT is a community committed to excellence, to belonging and becoming, and to ensuring that all of us – pupils and adults alike – leave more capable, more competent, and more confident than when we arrived.

With best wishes,



Mark McCourt
Chief Executive Officer



About Academy Transformation Trust

At Academy Transformation Trust (ATT), our ambition is that every person who passes through our schools and colleges becomes an educated person – able to take a rightful place in the community of educated people and to join what Robert Maynard Hutchins called “the Great Conversation.” An ATT education stresses history, the scientific mode of thinking, the disciplined use of language, a wide-ranging knowledge of the arts and religion, and the continuity of human enterprise. We aspire for everyone, regardless of their starting point, to leave us capable, competent, and confident.

Our Values

ATT2030 sets a values-driven culture that is explicit about how we work and lead:

- **Belonging & Becoming:** we meet each child where they are and refuse to leave them there – giving them both roots and wings.
- **Integrity & Excellence:** we act ethically, celebrate excellence, and pursue high standards in all that we do.
- **High Trust, High Accountability:** decision-making sits close to pupils and communities; principals are trusted as strategic leaders; the central team acts as expert partner; accountability is professional, dialogic, and focused on learning and improvement.

Our Three Goals

Everything in ATT2030 is organised around three interlinked goals that describe the kind of people – pupils and adults – we are forming:

- **Capable:** equipped with the knowledge, skills, and emotional readiness to perform to a high standard, adapt to change, and contribute meaningfully.
- **Competent:** possessing the knowledge, habits, and judgement to get things done – well, reliably, and independently – handling setbacks and making steady progress.
- **Confident:** feeling safe, happy, and known – secure enough to take risks, speak up, and grow with purpose and integrity.



Our Nine Aims (by 2030)

These goals translate into nine aims that define success for ATT by 2030:

Capable

1. Professional Excellence – skilled professionals delivering consistently high standards.
2. Fluent Learners and Thinkers – confident, curious learners fluent in communication and technology.
3. Multiple Pathways to Success – diverse routes that recognise varied talents and passions.

Competent

4. Purposeful, Knowledge-Rich Learning – rigorous, meaningful learning that enriches lives.
5. Unwavering Focus – purposeful use of time and energy on what matters most.
6. Strength Through Challenge – resilience built by tackling challenge and learning from it.

Confident

7. Valued and Empowered Individuals – everyone known, valued, and supported to be their best.
8. Leading with Integrity, Celebrating Excellence – values-led leadership and cultures that recognise excellence.
9. Moments That Shape Us – deliberate rites of passage and significant experiences that foster growth and self-discovery.

Our Approach to Working Together

We are building a high-trust, high-accountability organisation. Principals are empowered as strategic leaders of their academies; the central team provides expert challenge, support, tools, and evidence; accountability is reframed as professional dialogue aimed at continuous improvement, not blame. This is how we ensure that every child leaves us capable, competent, and confident.



Sutton community Academy is part of the Academy Transformation Trust family of academies.

Sutton Community Academy was graded 'Good' in all areas by a recent Ofsted inspection; we provide the best opportunities for all our students toward helping them to achieve excellent academic qualifications.

We are a unique and highly successful academy and are proud of our students' achievements in GCSE and AS/A-level, alongside our great vocational offering. We ensure our curriculum is kept broad enabling every child to have full opportunity to reach their full potential.

This success is build upon valuing and nurturing the talents of all our students, which is supported by our brilliant academic, vocational and leisure activities, equipping all our students with the tools needed for Higher Education, apprenticeships and employment.

The Academy is renowned nationally for its work and impact upon the local community, which have played a major role in creating a lifelong community resource in Sutton-in-Ashfield. Community really does sit at the heart of what we do; developing and nurturing the future generations is something we're very proud of and always strive for.



Job Description

Theatre Manager at Cornerstone Theatre

Purpose of the Role:

The new cornerstone theatre in Sutton-in-Ashfield will serve as a vibrant cultural hub for the community - celebrating creativity, hosting diverse performances, and providing accessible participation opportunities for all. We are seeking an experienced, dynamic, and community-minded Theatre Manager to lead the day-to-day operation of the venue, oversee its artistic programme, and ensure exceptional visitor experience.

This is an exciting opportunity to help shape a brand-new venue from the ground up and contribute to the cultural regeneration of Sutton-in-Ashfield and the wider district.

Key Responsibilities and Duties:

Operational Leadership

- Manage the daily operations of the theatre, ensuring a safe, efficient, and welcoming environment for audiences, performers, and staff.
- Oversee front-of-house, box office, hospitality, and technical operations, ensuring seamless co-ordination between departments.
- Lead on venue hire, scheduling, event logistics, and building management.

Programming & Artistic Development

- Work with stakeholders to develop a diverse artistic programme including theatre, music, comedy, community productions, film screenings, and outreach projects.
- Build relationships with touring companies, promoters, artists, and local creative groups.
- Ensure programming balances commercial viability with community relevance and artistic ambition.

Financial & Administrative Management

- Manage budgets, financial planning, and reporting in line with organisational objectives.
- Oversee ticketing strategy, pricing, audience development initiatives, and revenue maximisation.
- Ensure compliance with licensing, health & safety, safeguarding, GDPR, and organisational policies.

Community Engagement

- Develop partnerships with local schools, community groups, and cultural organisations to position the theatre as a central community asset.
- Support participation programmes and encourage engagement from underrepresented groups.
- Act as an ambassador for the theatre at community events, meetings, and regional networks.

Staff Leadership

- Recruit, train, and lead a team of staff and volunteers across front-of-house, technical, and administrative functions.
- Foster a positive, inclusive, and collaborative working culture.
- Provide regular supervision, appraisals, and professional development opportunities.

Marketing & Audience Development

- Work closely with marketing colleagues to promote events, grow audiences, and develop the theatre's brand identity.
- Contribute to marketing strategies, campaigns, and digital engagement.
- Monitor audience data and feedback to guide programming and service improvements.

The duties and responsibilities of this post may vary from time to time according to the changing demands of the academy. This job description may be reviewed at the reasonable discretion of the Principal in the light of those changing requirements and in consultation with the postholder. In any event the Principal reserves the right to review and amend the job description.

The Job Description is a description of the job to be undertaken and performed to the satisfaction of the Principal by the postholder. It does not form part of the contract of employment.

Academy Transformation Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment by observing the academy's Safeguarding policies and procedures.



Person Specification

Theatre Manager at Cornerstone Theatre

	Essential	Desirable	How will this be demonstrated
Professional Qualifications and learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BA (Hons) in Stage Management & Technical Theatre or equivalent 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application Form/Checking and Original Copy evidence
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant experience in theatre, arts venue, or cultural facility management. Demonstrable leadership and people-management skills. Experience developing artistic programmes and working with artists, companies, and promoters. Financial management and budgeting experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience opening or developing a new venue. Experience working with local authorities, charities, or community-focused organisations. Experience in community arts development and fund-raising 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application form/Interview
Knowledge that supports the role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong knowledge of theatre operations, including front-of-house, technical, and event management. Strong financial acumen and experience managing budgets. Excellent communication, negotiation, and organisational abilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of local cultural landscape in Ashfield, Mansfield, and Nottinghamshire. Knowledge of audience development strategies. Familiarity with safeguarding and child protection protocols 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application form/Interview
Expectations of Role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commitment to equality, diversity, and community engagement. A demonstrable drive and determination for delivering success A commitment to ATT vision, values, aims and the objectives of its academies programme. Tact and diplomacy in all interpersonal relationships with the public, pupils, colleagues at work. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application form/Interview

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-motivation and personal drive to complete tasks to the required timescales and quality standards 		
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to work evenings, weekends, and event-based hours. Commitment to the safeguarding and welfare of all pupils This post is subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barred Service check 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application form/Interview



Recruitment & Selection

You can expect the following from the Recruitment & Selection process:

Prior to Interview

- Adverts & Candidate packs that give the full detail of the role (responsibilities, pay, development etc)
- A point of contact for the vacancy within the Trusts recruitment team to advise on each step of the recruitment process
- A full and comprehensive vetting process, that meets and exceeds the requirements of Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025 [Keeping children safe in education 2025](#)
- An applicant tracking system that allows you to enter details with ease and receive updates to the progress of you application and or pre-employment checks
- Selection for Interview based upon the Job Description and Person Specification

Interviews

- The opportunity to prepare with enough notice for interview processes
- A meet and greet at the place of work (Academy or Office) with members of the panel. If the Interview is held on Teams an opportunity to meet at later date
- The opportunity to ask questions and have a full interview with discussion around the role

Following the Interview

- You will receive notification as to whether you were or were not successful
- You will be given an opportunity to obtain feedback
- If successful further safer recruitment checks will take place
- You will receive a conditional offer of employment and contracts of employment will not be issued until all checks are received and are satisfactory

Induction

- You will receive a Trust Induction and a localised induction which will give you further information on policies, process and procedures that impact your role
- You should expect regular opportunities to meet with your line manager to address any issues or concerns you may have or to plan any required training you may need
- You should expect to have all the equipment you need to begin your role
- You will have access to the Trusts benefit platform VivUp from day one of employment



What is our Institute?

Our ATT Institute is the cornerstone of ATT colleague professional development for all roles and career stages, bringing the best development opportunities from accredited courses to one off training sessions. All our courses are evidence-based and facilitated by extremely knowledgeable professionals, so we know that all our colleagues receive the best training available. Our offer is designed and delivered by a group of expert colleagues with the needs of all our stakeholders in mind. Whatever your current role and aspirations, there will be something in our offer to support you in reaching the next step of your career journey

Personal Development (PD) Opportunities for our Colleagues

Our Academy Transformation Trust Institute (ATTI) has a suite of training opportunities and professional development pathways across all our directorates: Education, Finance, Governance, Trustees and operations.

These are promoted internally via our dedicated SharePoint and directed communications, and externally via the [ATTI webpage](#). Our ATTI offer is continually evolving to meet the ever-changing professional development needs of our colleagues and includes a range of accredited courses and bespoke training opportunities.

Strategic Collaboration

Collaboration is essential to the continued improvement of our academies and colleagues. We create a culture of collaboration through our professional networks and enable colleagues to drive our Trust priorities within their domains of expertise





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Applying:

For all our Trust Vacancies, please follow the link here: [Vacancies - Academy](#)



Status:

12 months fixed term contract
37 hours per week
All year round

Salary:

NJC Point 30 – Point 34
£40,777 – £45,091 Salary per annum



Closing Date:

9am on Friday 30th January 2026

Start Date:

As soon as possible



Interviews:

To be confirmed

We utilise an application tracking system which will require data from you in order to complete the application process. If you are struggling to access this system or wish to have an informal conversation regarding the role, please reach out to the contact on the advert and they will be able to support you.



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