

The Programme

To co-produce the design of a Traveller Youth Mental Health Service across Ireland.

Job Description

Community Development Youth Worker

Role Overview

This role requires an energetic, motivated, self-starter to lead on supporting young people from the Traveller Community to participate in the co-production of a Traveller Youth Mental Health Service. This person will be expected to support 5 groups based regionally around Ireland to assess the mental health needs of Traveller young people and collaboratively design a service that addresses those needs both culturally and within a best practice framework. The role reports to the Mental Health Services Manager. There is flexibility in terms of where the person will be based. The salary for the role is €35,000 per year. We offer 26 days annual leave and access to our pension scheme. The project is for 18 months, and our goal is to receive additional funding to extend the contract.

Responsibilities

- Carry out a brief needs analysis on 5 areas in Ireland of youth mental health and Traveller mental health.
- Develop relationships with 5 Traveller Youth Groups in Ireland through local Traveller organisations.
- Provide Monthly progress updates to the project advisory group over the 18-month project period.
- Participate on the quarterly consultation network meetings which each regional area.
- Facilitate workshops and activities with youth groups in each of the 5 regional areas.
- Work with the Project Family Support Worker, The Mental Health Service Manager, and other partners.
- Ensure any presenting mental health, relationship, child protection, trauma needs are being met as they arise.
- Appropriate sign posting of group members to Project Counsellor or additional services
- Manage data collection and report writing at all stages of the programme to include interim and final report.

Person Specification

- Qualification in youth work, community development, social care, or experience working in a community setting.
- Experience of working with the Traveller community and/or disadvantaged groups would be an advantage.
- A commitment and aptitude for facilitating and motivating young people in reaching their potential is essential.
- Exceptional interpersonal and influencing skills.
- Good administrative and IT skills and a good knowledge of IT related packages.
- Excellent communication and presentation skills.
- Excellent relationship and conflict management skills with an ability to be flexible and handle challenging situations.
- Ability to work and perform on own initiative and perform as part of a team.
- Ability to effectively manage multiple projects and deadlines.
- Hands on approach to getting things done with a demonstrable ability to work well under pressure.
- Have a full clean drivers licence and access to a motor vehicle.
- Take on other duties as needed.
- While all of these skills are important, the capacity to work with and treat all service users and colleagues well is key.

About Exchange House Ireland

Exchange House Ireland National Travellers Service is the largest front line Traveller specific service in Ireland. We are an organisation of Traveller and non-Traveller people working together to provide services to Traveller families, and Traveller young people and children and Traveller men and women, many of whom are in crisis. We pride ourselves in working with some of the most marginalised members of the Traveller community. We are a multi-disciplinary service provider offering Family Support and Crisis Intervention, Children and Young People Services, Addiction Services, Mental Health Services and Education and Training Services to members of the Traveller community. We also deliver other national services through training, provision of expertise and partnerships with other organisations providing services to Travellers in Ireland. This role is within our Mental Health Services Team.

How to apply

Send us your CV and Cover letter to hr@exchangehouse.ie Closing date for receipt of applications is 05:00pm on Monday, September 20, 2021. All positions in Exchange House are subject to Garda Vetting and full reference checks.

Exchange House is an Equal Opportunities Employer and welcomes applications from members of the Traveller community and job-share applications from 2 people.