



TVG –Drug and Alcohol Project Peer Worker (Part-Time)

Job Description:

Employer: Traveller Visibility Group (TVG)

TVG is a Traveller led Cork based organisation which works with Travellers and settled people to facilitate community development work for the Traveller community. The TVG consists of a health project, a drugs and alcohol support project, community employment scheme placements and also provides crèche facilities to the community. It works on a group work and one to one basis with the community.

Purpose

This is a 14hr part time position. The successful candidate will form part of TVG Traveller Support Project on Drugs and Alcohol programme and work closely alongside the Health Team programme and other projects with TVG. These programmes set out to promote, develop and deliver initiatives to the Traveller community locally. This position might suit a member of the Traveller community who has gone through addiction treatment and recovery themselves or who has knowledge of addiction and recovery in their family.

Duties and responsibilities:

1. Support the Traveller Support Project on Drugs and Alcohol in maintaining a safe and caring approach when working with people
2. Work with both the TVG Traveller Support Project on Drugs and Alcohol and with the TVG Health team to develop programmes that support Travellers to have improved outcomes i.e. through outreach, group work activities, one to one activities , workshops etc.
3. Use the TVG policies, to make sure you have clear boundaries and understand and maintain confidentiality when linking with Community members
4. Work with local service providers, projects, networks, groups, clinics etc building a strong working relationship between the Traveller community and organisations and the public health services for addiction, substance abuse and mental health.

5. Develop knowledge of Traveller issues through regular contact with the Community, through training and research and through networking with relevant agencies and community groups.
6. Support the development of group work, as appropriate alongside other TVG team members.
7. Talk to Community members about addiction and related issues, and raise awareness of these issues as appropriate.
8. Take part in relevant training.
9. Work alongside the TVG Traveller Support Project on Drugs and Alcohol. Participate in regular supervision with the Co-Directors.
10. Carry out any other duties that may be given to you by the TVG Co-Directors and TVG Management Committee

If possible, candidates should:

1. Be able to show compassion, dignity and respect towards people who come to the project, and when on outreach and all times respect the confidentiality of all service users and the strict confidentiality policy in TVG.
2. Have a strong interest in building your knowledge and understanding of addiction, recovery and health related issues
3. Be motivated to work in the area of addiction, recovery and community work
4. Have strong knowledge of the issues that Travellers experience
5. Have a strong interest in human rights
6. Have a positive attitude and a willingness to develop communication skills
7. Be willing to work as part of the TVG team, and on your own initiative as appropriate
8. Be willing to attend meetings as appropriate
9. Be reliable and flexible

Values and Personal Attributes

1. Commitment to equality and social justice
2. Compassionate
3. Fun, energetic and enthusiastic
4. Non-judgemental
5. Respectful and fair
6. Accountable, trustworthy and honest

Terms of Employment:

Location of work: TVG 25 Lower John Street, Cork

Reporting to: Co-Directors of TVG

Hours of work: 14 hours per week – will include mornings and afternoons. A level of flexibility is required as some evening and weekend work may apply.

Salary: The salary for this post is €39,908 pro rata

Type of Contract: 12 months fixed term

To Apply: Please email a copy of your up to date CV to tvgeoshea@gmail.com or call Eileen O'Shea on 0871301756 for any queries on application.