

**ROLE DESCRIPTION
TEES VALLEY PEER SUPPORT NETWORK
DEVELOPMENT WORKER**

Red Balloons is a Lived Experience Charity offering people support with their mental health. Where we can we support people to use physical activity to improve their mental and physical wellbeing. Our Volunteers use lived experience of ill mental health, physical health conditions and difficult times to support members who attend our sessions. This Peer Support is offered through 1-1 and Group Sessions. Our Volunteers provide people with a safe space to talk about how they feel with no judgement. Our services are warm, safe and welcoming.

We have been commissioned by the ICB to set up and host a Tees Valley Wide Peer Support Network. The Network will support anyone who is using their lived experience of mental ill health or associated issues to support others, whether formally or informally. We'll be bringing together individual Peers and Organisations offering Peer Support to learn from each other, share best practice and offer training, wellbeing sessions, mental health support for Peers and grant funding.

The Development Worker will be key to developing the membership of the Network Tees Valley wide. They will spend their time out across the Region spreading the word and encouraging sign-up. The post is initially on a Fixed Term Contract with potential to extend depending upon funding.

Accountability

The postholder will be accountable to the Operations Manager.

Key Responsibilities

- To actively promote TV Peer Support Network Tees Valley wide by contacting and meeting with organisations and individuals to encourage them to sign-up
- To promote the Network at meetings, forums and networking events
- To foster good relationships with Network members to ensure continued membership
- To gather intelligence around what Network Members need and want to feedback to the Steering Group
- To be involved in organisation and delivery of Network Events, Meetings and Wellbeing Events
- To represent the Network at local/regional Voluntary Sector meetings
- To create a monthly Newsletter for Network Members
- To gather feedback and case studies to publicise the Network

- To take part in evaluating the Network's effectiveness via surveys, questionnaires and interviews
- To set up and use spreadsheets for data collection and draft/write and present progress Reports at Steering Group meetings
- To attend meetings with Commissioners reporting on progress of the Network
- To proactively promote the Network as widely as possible including where necessary giving Presentations
- Any other duties commensurate with the role in line with Organisation requirements

PERSON SPECIFICATION

	Essential	Desirable
At least 2 years' experience of working with people on a face to face basis	✓	
Lived experience of ill mental health personally or as a Carer		✓
Experience of working or Volunteering as a Peer Supporter		✓
The ability to communicate confidently with a wide range of stakeholders, including good social interaction and listening skills	✓	
Experience of Networking and delivering Presentations	✓	
To be able to work independently but also be a good team player	✓	
To be able to quickly build strong working relationships with people	✓	
Have a good working knowledge of Professional Boundaries	✓	
Good organisational, written and IT skills	✓	
Good knowledge of information governance and ability to maintain confidentiality at all times within any statutory guidance on safeguarding	✓	
Good research skills (to find other provision available locally) and the ability to approach other organisations confidently	✓	
Experience of working on funded projects		✓
To drive with access to own vehicle	✓	
The ability to encourage, support and motivate people	✓	
To be non-judgemental and to take a positive approach to all people	✓	
To be able to confidently represent Red Balloons and the Network in any forum	✓	