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.

Role: Tees Valley Peer Support Network Development Worker

Hours of Work: 21 hours per week

Salary: £21,840 p.a. pro rata (actual salary £13,104 p.a.)

12 Months Fixed Term Contract

You will have:-

At least 2 years' experience of working with people on a face-to-face basis

The ability to communicate confidently with a wide range of stakeholders, including good social interaction and listening skills

Experience of working or volunteering as a Peer Supporter

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 individuals and organisations

Good research skills (to find other provision available locally) and the ability to approach other organisations confidently

Experience of working on funded projects

Good organisational, written and IT skills

To drive with access to own vehicle

The ability to encourage, support and motivate people

To be able to confidently represent Red Balloons and the Network in any forum

You will be:-

Non-judgemental with a positive approach to all people regardless of their background, lifestyle and choices

Empathetic and positive with a calm demeanour

A good problem-solver

You will get:-

Full support and relevant training

30 days holiday (pro rata for part-time)

The chance to be involved in building a new project from scratch, giving and receiving feedback and shaping future projects and delivery

The chance to be part of a developing and growing a new Charity

Please download Job Description and Person Specification from our Website for further information – <u>www.redballoons.org.uk</u>

For an informal chat please contact Leigh Trimble – Operations Manager on 07486594499

To apply please send full CV with covering letter to redballoons.volunteers@gmail.com

Your covering letter should include a clear explanation as to why you feel you fit the criteria for this post.

Closing Date for Applications is 5pm on Friday 3rd November 2023 Interviews expected to be w/c 13th November 2023