



EXCHANGE HOUSE

National Travellers Service

Job Description

Exchange House National Travellers Service has been providing services to the Traveller community in the Dublin area since 1980. Services include social work, family support, youth services, domestic violence response, addiction services, prison services, after-schools and adult education. We provide services nationally through generic service provision. Most recently we have welcomed the National Traveller suicide Awareness Project to the organisation.

Through the support of *Genio* and working in partnership with Exchange House National Traveller Suicide Project, Offaly Traveller Movement, Travellers of North Cork Ltd and West Cork Travellers:

Exchange House National Travellers Service now wishes to recruit

Mental Health Worker

Location

- Offaly Traveller Movement, Tullamore, Co. Offaly

Reporting to:

- Family Support Team Leader (Exchange House), National Traveller Suicide Awareness Project and dedicated person in Offaly Traveller Movement.

Outline of position:

- Working with the Exchange House Family Support Team and Offaly Traveller Movement to develop individualised recovery plans and support Travellers recovering from mental health issues. Also working with Travellers, in Offaly, to increase access to mainstream mental health services, and ensure equality of outcomes for Travellers recovering from Mental illness

Duties and Responsibilities:

- To work as part of the Exchange House Team in locally identified projects to develop and support responses for Travellers recovering from mental health issues. The day to day management will be carried out by Offaly Traveller Movement
- To develop individualised recovery plans with identified Travellers and support and mentor Travellers in implementing their recovery plans
- Develop and work closely with mental health services to ensure culturally appropriate responses
- Advocate on behalf of clients to ensure their needs and rights are being met within mental health care service providers
- Manage a caseload which will be Traveller led and ensure a needs led approach is taken
- To be a member of an integrated team working across disciplines with Travellers most at risk of mental health issues
- To work with individuals and families to overcome crisis situations
- To work directly with individual and families in conjunction with other services within Exchange House and relevant outside agencies

- Ensure sustainability of the project by supporting and developing appropriate structures which ensure sustainability
- To adhere to the Family Support Service established system of record keeping in relation to clients, work records, statistics etc
- To furnish the involved director, manager and / or health co-ordinator with records as required
- To provide written reports to team leader, Director, Board of Directors and Genio when required
- Flexibility is a requirement of this position
- To carry out any other duties as requested by the Director or board of Directors

Special Conditions

- This is a three year funded position subject to completion of 12 months probationary period.
- Outreach and site work will be a part of this work and as such, the use of own car that has up to date NCT, motor tax and class 2 insurance is essential.

Salary:

- The salary will be based € 21,000 (part-time, 21 hours per week)

Application form and job description/person specification is available on www.exchangehouse.ie, or www.activelink.ie or telephone the Personnel Administrator on (01) 872 1094.

Applications forms should be sent to:

(CVs will not be accepted)

The Director
Exchange House Travellers Service
61 Great Strand Street
Dublin 1

Or email to info@exchangehouse.ie

Closing date for receipt of applications is 5.00pm on Thursday 14th March 2013
Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed on:

Wednesday 27th March 2013 in Tullamore

Exchange House is an Equal Opportunities Employer and welcomes applications from members of the Traveller community