



EXCHANGE HOUSE

National Travellers Service

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:

Person Specification: Mental Health Worker

Qualifications:

- Relevant professional qualification i.e., Mental Health Nursing, Social Work, Family Support or Community Development

Experience in the following is essential:

- At least 3 years experience of working with people with mental health issues in a health / social work / community work setting
- A proven record in responding to clients with mental health issues in a holistic way
- Proven experience of monitoring and evaluation
- Experience of report writing and completing assessments

Experience in the following is desirable

- Previous experience of working with the Traveller Community or in the area of human rights

Skills and Knowledge and Understanding:

- Ability to develop plans which are needs based with vulnerable groups
- Ability to work as part of a team and on own initiative
- Ability to work in crisis interventions related to mental health issues
- Ability to motivate individuals to participate
- Ability to work with individuals at various levels and in various positions
- An understanding of community development approaches to mental health issues
- Ability to use ICT effectively
- Ability to work to ensure sustainability of project

Attributes and Attitude:

- Interest in Human Rights
- Commitment to Traveller work and Travellers
- Demonstrate a commitment to positive mental health work
- Have good interpersonal skills
- Communicate effectively both orally and in writing
- Have good time management skills
- Ability to work under pressure and in stressful environments
- Have an ability to work flexibly and with others

Other Requirements

- Current clean full driving licence and access to a car for work
- This post will require flexibility in relation to working hours and travelling

Special Conditions

- Outreach and site work will be a part of this work and as such, the use of own car which has current NCT, up to date tax insurance which covers the vehicle for work purposes is essential.
- This is a part-time (21 hour week) position. Some flexibility may be required on occasion.
- The post holder will be expected to travel to Dublin and attend and take part in Clinical supervision in Exchange house Dublin for one day per month and other relevant training as required

Salary:

- The salary will be €21,000.
- Probation period: 12 months

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

Please bring evidence of relevant professional qualifications including registration/validation certificates to interview.

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