

Crisis Alternatives Peer Supporter

Touch Base Project

Kent and Medway



Job Advert

Job Role	<p>Advocacy for all are a well-established charity which, for the last 24 years have been enabling individuals to have 'bigger voices and better lives'</p> <p>We are offering an exciting opportunity to join our mental health crisis alternative project in Kent and Medway. This project includes 1:1 support, alongside social groups and special interest groups, including art, fitness, walking, technology/video games, and music. We enable individuals to have greater social opportunities and to develop coping strategies to maintain good mental health and wellbeing. Our aim is to limit the need for more mainstream mental health services and interventions.</p> <p>This post would particularly suit someone who would like to work some of their hours outside office hours, including some weekends, evening and bank holidays, giving the individual more flexible working options.</p> <p>The project is funded initially for 1 year until 31st March 2022, with 2/3 years funding extension to be agreed depending on the success of the project.</p> <p>Our Peer Supporters are our experts by experience and each run a support group for Touch Base project members, assisted by Advocates and Volunteers. We seek to match the talents, abilities, and interests of the Peer Supporters with the needs of current members.</p>
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We are looking for a Peer Supporter who is:

A person with lived experience of autism and an understanding of how mental health may have an impact on people's wellbeing.

Someone who can turn their lived experience into a source of positive support for others.

Motivated to run a group for adults with autism/Asperger's and mental health needs, based on their own interests and those of the group.

Able to work as part of a team as well as providing 1:1 support, when required.

Able to commit to regular weekly groups in evenings or on the weekends, as well as team meetings.

Required skills:

- Prepared to undertake training and apply this to their work
- Reliable
- Comfortable using IT or willing to learn
- Can communicate in different ways to project members and other staff
- Able to listen and respond to individuals in crisis

As part of your induction into the role you will be expected to engage in a six-week training course.

Having undertaken the training, you will be able to demonstrate an understanding of your Peer Supporter role by:

- Matching people to appropriate forms of support.
- Agreeing regular times for communication/meetings with members.
- Discussing the best forms of support for your members with other staff

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising concerns with you supervisor so it can be directed towards the appropriate professional people. • Understanding and employing safeguarding procedures. <p>If you feel you would like to find out more or to apply for this rewarding role, please email mike.clarke@advocacyforall.org.uk</p>
Contract	FTC – until 31 st March 2022 with possibility for extension for 2/3 further years
Location/Base	Faversham, Kent
Hours	10 hrs per month
Mandatory requirements – travel in Kent areas, IT skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to travel in Kent and Medway • Access to own car or public transport • Use of Microsoft Office products and Zoom
Salary	£1,213.21 per annum actual (10 hrs per month)
How to Apply	Email CV and cover letter to recruitment@advocacyforall.org.uk
Application Close Date	17 th December 2021 <i>We will invite all suitable candidates who submit CV applications to then complete an application form. Interviews will be scheduled as and when we receive completed application forms.</i>
Application Form Deadline	22 nd December 2021 by 12pm
Interviews	December 2021 (TBC)