Connector Project Worker x 4 vacancies

(North East London Suicide Prevention Service)

**Salary:**  NJC SCP 15 £27, 180, per annum inclusive of ILW

**Hours:** F/T 35 hrs per week or P/T 28 hrs per week (flexible working hours to be adapted to meet the needs of the service – may include evening and weekend sessions)

**Employed by:** The service will be led by Mind in Tower Hamlets and Newham; however, posts will be employed by Local Mind Associations including Havering and Hackney Mind.

**Accountable to:** Operations Director

**Supervised by:** Suicide Prevention Service Coordinator

**Service:** Community Suicide Prevention Hub

**Contract Term:** 3 years

**Who we are?**

With 1 in 4 people experiencing mental health problems at some point in their lifetime, we have a vision of a society where people with mental health and emotional needs are accepted and included without fear of stigma and discrimination.  As local East London Mind Associations, we work towards a society where our clients’ needs, and ambitions are supported and where people with mental health and emotional needs are free from stigma and discrimination.  We believe that everyone has the right to access comprehensive services which enables them to reach their full potential and to work towards their recovery. We value diversity as a strength and our staff teams are from a variety of backgrounds which helps us to deliver services which are culturally aware and responsive to the needs of the diverse communities we serve.

We are looking to recruit an experienced, creative, and passionate person to provide information, signposting and support as interventions within our Community Suicide Prevention Hub. This is a newly funded Suicide Prevention Hub operating across North East London and in partnership with the North East London Foundation Trust. The Community Hub is delivered in partnership with three Local Mind Associations, Mind in Hackney, City and Waltham Forest, Mind in Havering and Barking and Dagenham and Mind in Tower Hamlets, Newham, and Redbridge.

Our Community Hub will support people who have not accessed mental health services previously and who are experiencing thoughts of suicide. We will provide a “soft place to fall” and access to the right service at the right time, through connecting and supporting people to local community resources and/or statutory services.

**The Connector Project Worker will have the following responsibilities:**

* To support people to access the Navi8 App, the training resources, support from community services and where necessary contact statutory services.
* To improve the mental wellbeing of people experiencing mental health crisis in North East London Boroughs.
* To increase early access to help for people experiencing suicidal ideation by providing a clear and effective pathway to services.
* To contribute to an improvement in individual mental wellbeing.
* To remain a source of independent support for all clients.
* To reduce the use of police, ambulance and statutory mental health services for people who may be experiencing suicidal ideation.
* To contribute to the effective delivery of the service in partnership with all stakeholders.

**The ideal candidate will have:**

* Relevant training in suicide prevention, counselling, social work, occupational therapy, or mental health
* Minimum of 1 year working in mental health services, talking therapies, similar complex needs service
* Demonstrable experience of working in multi-cultural communities and a commitment to equal opportunities, and anti-discriminatory practices
* Demonstrable experience of signposting, navigation and ‘warm transfer’ of people to local services.
* Creative and flexible approach to working with individuals

**Application Deadline:** Tuesday 20th April at 12pm

**Interview date:** Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th April 2021

Job Advert: Connector Workers

Connector Workers – Community Suicide Prevention Hub x 3 including part time and full-time roles based in Hackney, Havering or Tower Hamlets.

Salary: NJC SCP15 - £27,180 (Inclusive of ILW) pro rata.

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We are looking to recruit 3 Connector workers to deliver a newly funded Suicide Prevention Hub across the North East London STP in partnership with NELFT. The Community Hub is a partnership with three Local Minds, Mind in Hackney, City and Waltham Forest, Mind in Havering and Barking and Dagenham and Mind in Tower Hamlets, Newham and Redbridge.

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Each worker will be employed by one of the 3 local Minds and will work collaborative within the Community Hub which is delivered by Mind in Tower Hamlets, Newham and Redbridge.

The role of the Connector Worker will be:

* To support people to access the Navi8 App, the training resources, support from community services and where necessary contact statutory services.
* To improve the mental wellbeing of people experiencing thoughts of suicide in North East London Boroughs.
* To increase early access to help for people experiencing suicidal ideation by providing a clear and effective pathway to services.
* To contribute to an improvement in individual mental wellbeing.
* To remain a source of independent support for all clients.
* To reduce the use of police, ambulance and statutory mental health services for people who may be experiencing suicidal ideation.
* To contribute to the effective delivery and development of the service, through the development local partnerships with community, voluntary and statutory relationships.

The ideal candidates will have the following skills:

* Passionate about providing responsive, warm and timely support to people experiencing suicidal thoughts.
* Have excellent people skills, including active listening.
* Will have excellent knowledge of local community and statutory services.
* Have experience of working with and supporting people who are experiencing emotional distress.

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