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**Advert: Older Adult Community Connector (Tower Hamlets)**

**Job Title:** Tower Hamlets Older Adult Community Connector

**Salary:** £28,009 per annum

**Hours:**  Full Time, 37.5 hours per week

**Accountable to:** Operations Director

**Location:** Open House, 13 Whitethorn Street, London E3 4DA

 Co-location: Robinson Centre, 275 Bancroft Road, London E1 4DG

**Contract Term:** 12 months

Mind in Tower Hamlets, Newham and Redbridge (MindTHNR) are working in partnership with NHS East London Foundation Trust and the Bethnal Green Neighbourhood Team to support the Transformation of Mental Health Services across the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

We are seeking to recruit a full time Community Connector to work closely with Older Adults with serious mental illness (SMI) and/or complex emotional needs in Neighbourhood Mental Health Team localities in Tower Hamlets.

The Older Adult Community Connector will work with primary care networks and mental health professionals to identify and develop new and innovative offers for individuals needing support for their physical health care through the Third Sector.

**About Us**

We are a local Mind Organisation, operating across Tower Hamlets, Newham, Redbridge and Havering. 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. 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.

**The key duties will include:**

* Providing face to face information and signposting in the community and peoples own homes
* develop /deliver and promote activities and opportunities for older adults
* Support the involvement of older people with lived experience of mental health in the design, delivery and monitoring of services
* Conduct regular innovative and engaging sessions (virtually or in person) in order to work towards support plan goals
* Triage referrals and signpost to specialist support quickly where necessary
* Build networks with local community resources
* Ensure accurate and timely record keeping and data collection
* obtain and collate feedback from services user and their carers
* Participate in meetings and training to maintain continuous personal development

**Knowledge, Skills and Experience Required**

* To have attained a minimum Level 3 in Health and Social Care or equivalent
* Trained as a Mental Health First Aider
* Training in motivational coaching and interviewing or equivalent experience
* Experience of providing or receiving direct care/support for older adults (preferably with experience of mental health care)
* Good knowledge and understanding of the local older adult population, their needs and understand complexities surrounding these
* Experience of setting up and facilitating wellbeing groups and activities and delivering monitoring and evaluation activities in a 1:1 or group setting
* Experience of working collaboratively with local people, community, and statutory organisations with a working knowledge of the principles of co-production, involvement, and peer work within mental health services
* Extensive knowledge of the range of services, support and community assets in Tower Hamlets and across East London
* Excellent IT skills, including Microsoft Office and Database entry
* A commitment to Equity, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion principles and practice

Benefits include: Training, Employee Assistance Programme, Company Pension, 30 days annual leave, Death- In-Service Benefits.

This post subject to an enhanced Disclosure Barring Service and Right to Work checks

Applications welcome from all sections of the community.

**For an application pack, please email:** **recruitment@mindthnr.org.uk** **quoting job ref: THOACC0123**