

**Job Advert**

**Peer Connector Worker - Northeast London Suicide Prevention service**

**Job Title:** Peer Connector worker

**Grade:** NJC SCP 10, currently £27,259 per annum, inclusive of Inner London Weighting. Based on 30hrs per week is £21,807 per annum (Inc ILW)

**Hours:** 30 hrs per week, based on a 37.5hr week

**Accountable to** Operations director

**Supervised By:** Suicide prevention service Coordinator

**Location:** Hybrid – Tower hamlets, Newham and Redbridge

**Contract Term:**  **U**ntil March 24

**Closing Date:**  9.00am, Friday 19th May 2023

**About Us**

We are a local, registered charity affiliated to national Mind. The organisation supports those with mental health issues in Tower Hamlets, Newham and Redbridge towards recovery and leading a better life.

We work with communities from diverse backgrounds and continually invest in building an inclusive organisational culture with diverse leaders through active Listening, Learning and Leading. Over the last 18 months we have explored racism and the impact that this has had on the lives of our clients and staff. This has resulted in the development of our strategic objective towards becoming an anti-racist organisation (ARO).

**Background**

Mind in Northeast London is a mental health collaboration between Mind in City, Hackney & Waltham Forest, Mind in Tower Hamlets, Newham and Redbridge and Mind in Havering, Barking and Dagenham. We are independent organisations affiliated to the Mind Federation (the national association for mental health), an organisation with which we share common values and principles’ and meet quality standards. We aim to support people affected by mental ill health through the provision of a range of community-based services across these Northeast London Boroughs.

The NEL Suicide Prevention Community Hub works to respond to the needs of communities across the NEL STP, and to support people who are at risk of or experiencing suicidal thoughts. We will offer information, guidance and help relating to suicide prevention and postvention support. ‘Warm transfer’ and navigation to the Right Service at the Right Time will be provided, enabling local people access a ‘one stop shop’ with a no wrong doors approach and a “soft place to fall”. People will be signposted to the right service with minimal delays and a clear pathway.

The Community Hub is linked to local crisis services, community providers and statutory providers. The focus will be on supporting people who are not currently connected to mental health services.

**The purpose of this role**

To work within the Community Hub, to lead on the delivery of peer groups supporting the recovery of people with suicidal ideation or suicidal distress who have accessed the helpline.

To enhance community awareness of the service through delivery of workshops across NEL boroughs

To support the team to provide information, signposting and support as interventions to the people who are not known to or have accessed mental health services with the aim of contributing to the reduction in attempted and completed suicide.

To provide timebound support to people contemplating suicide.

To support the team in receiving calls from local people and support the person in that moment, exploring local services to enable them to access on-going support, and link them to providers such as counselling, bereavement services, mental health support, post-intervention therapy groups.

The ideal candidate should have:

* Strong knowledge and understanding of mental health issues & conditions, such as suicide and of the challenges and issues that are likely to affect those who experience such difficulties.
* Experience of working in mental health services, talking therapies, similar complex needs service or lived experience of mental health services as a user or carer
* Experience of working with individuals (1-2-1) and groups in different settings to raise awareness of suicide prevention and support those who have accessed the service by delivering peer support groups.

There are opportunities for training and benefits including: a company pension, generous annual leave pro-rated until the end of contract, a comprehensive Training and Development Programme, access to the Employment Assistance Programme (EAP) and Death-In-Service benefits.

This post is subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Check.

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**Interviews**: 25th & 26th  May 2023

**Applications welcome from all sections of the community.**