

**Job Description**

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| **Job Title** | Young Persons’ Peer Mentor (16-24 year olds) |
| **Department** | Cyfle Cymru Out of Work Service |
| **Base Location** | Llandrindod Wells |
| **Hours of Working** | 18.75 hours over 7 days |
| **Salary** | £17,757 per annum pro rata |
| **Reports to** | Lead Peer Mentor |
| **Line Management Responsibility** | Volunteer Peer Mentors |

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| **Job Purpose:**   * To mentor Young People aged 16-24 across Powys who have been affected by substance misuse and/or mental health towards training and employment opportunities. * Provide support and supervision to Volunteer Peer Mentors * Work alongside the Volunteer Peer Mentors in delivering services and outcomes for the scheme * To support the Lead Peer Mentor in raising awareness of the service * To ensure project outcomes are delivered on target |

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| **Main Duties and Responsibilities:**   * Source potential participants through referral routes. * To ensure all project outcomes are delivered on target * Provide support and guidance to all participants being referred onto the project. * Assess candidates for suitability for further training and make appropriate referrals * Source training and employment opportunities for a caseload of participants with the support of Cyfle Cymru Employment Specialists * Work with the Volunteer Peer Mentors in bringing training and employment opportunities for participants to a positive outcome. This will include goal setting, CV writing, support with job applications, attendance at interviews and on-going placements * Utilise any other tools and techniques such as brief interventions and Adult Directions in assisting participants achieve their goals and objectives for the Peer Mentoring Scheme. * Provide ongoing support services to participants leaving the project * Record all activities in compliance with both organisational and European Social Fund regulations. This would include client registration forms, timesheets and any other outcome monitoring required of the Scheme. * To work alongside mental health peer mentors and employment specialists as well as service partners.   **Client Work:**   * To communicate skilfully and sensitively highly complex and sensitive information, taking into account sensory and cultural barriers to communication. * To refer clients to other services within the partnership, and other external agencies as appropriate. * To undertake and manage own peer mentor, volunteer and participant caseload. * To be accountable for own decisions and actions in consultation with supervision. * To undertake clinical administrative tasks and reports relating to mentoring project when necessary.   **Policy and service development:**   * To adhere to agreed Health and Safety and Security procedures/policies. * To identify and contribute towards any aspects of the peer mentoring service where improvement can be made and to advise service and managers accordingly. * To assist with the delivery of peer mentoring training if required. |

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| **Professional:**   * To participate in the continuous learning, development and appraisal process. * To operate within and observe partnership policies and procedures as amended and updated. * To make regular use of supervision. * To be responsible for working within own level of competence. * To undertake internal and external training as appropriate, and as required as part of Continuous Professional Development. * To develop and maintain professional working relationships with external agencies. |

**This Job Description provides a framework in which duties may be carried out, however it may be necessary to make alterations and adjustments from time to time to meet the needs of the service.**

**Person Specification for Peer Mentor**

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|  | **Essential** | **Desirable** | **Method of Assessment** |
| **Qualifications:** | Good standard of general secondary education- minimum level C in Maths and English. | * Relevant training and/or relevant qualifications in substance misuse and mental health * Relevant training and/or qualification in youth work * NVQ Level 3 Advice and Guidance or willingness to work towards * BTEC Level 2 in Peer Mentoring |  |
| **Experience:** | * Experience of working with young people aged 16-24 * Personal experience of substance misuse issues and/or mental health conditions * Experience of working with individuals who have/had substance misuse issues and/or mental health issues | * Experience of multi-agency working |  |
| **Skills:** | * Ability to communicate with young people aged 16-24, preferably those with substance issues and/or mental health conditions * Ability to initiate and maintain effective communication and working relationships with a relevant range of people and agencies * An ability to work in partnership with other practitioners to deliver effective interventions and support for young people aged 16-24 with substance and/or mental health issues * Competence with basic IT including MS word and MS Outlook * Full driving licence and full access to a vehicle * Competence with data entry and in house database systems | * The ability to communicate in Welsh and English * An understanding of other key professionals, and how to contact them for consultation or referral |  |
| **Knowledge:** | * Knowledge of legislation relating to 16-24 year olds * Awareness and understanding of current child protection and safeguarding legislation * Understanding of Confidentiality and the implications surrounding it whilst working with young people aged 16-24 with substance and/or mental health issues | * Knowledge of safe working practice appropriate to the work * Knowledge of local treatment services for substance misusing young people, what they offer and how to contact them |  |
| **Personal Qualities:** | * Willingness to adhere to CAIS policies relating to safeguarding and child protection * Willingness to undertake further training as required * Enjoy working with other people and have an enthusiastic passion for helping others achieve their goals * Enthusiasm for working with young people aged 16-24 * Commitment to contributing in all project areas * To be proactive and use own initiative * Proven flexibility to meet organisational, project and client needs | * Proven good track record in previous employment relating to attendance |  |
| **Other Relevant Requirements:** | Readiness to undergo an enhanced DBS check (Children and Adults barred list) |  |  |