Peer Advocate

Role Description

Position: Peer Advocate **Commitment**: 6 Months

Time Expectation: 1 day per week (working from The Peer Partnership office & from home).

Start Date: February/March 2021

Tasks and Duties:

With the full support of The **Peer** Partnership Coordinator, you will be carrying out tasks to design a peer support program for a long-term physical or mental health of your choosing.

Tasks include:

- Attending training in peer support and practical skills in designing peer projects
- Researching conditions, including current support available, gaps in support, and successful methods of supporting individuals living with the condition
- Learning how to arrange and coordinate focus groups to include the opinions of people living with the condition and what they want from a peer support service
- Applying research to the design of a service
- Writing a proposal for the service
- Following The Peer Partnership's policies and procedures*

You do not have to have prior experience of these tasks, as the purpose of this role is to provide you with these skills. **You will be fully supported by** The **Peer** Partnership **Coordinator to achieve these goals.**

Personal Specifications:

- Prior experience is not required, as training and supervision will be provided
- Living with or affected by the condition your project is designed to support
- Ability to work in a non-judgemental manner
- To be empathetic
- Ability to work on your own and in a team
- To have good time management skills
- An understanding of working with vulnerable adults is desirable
- Good communication skills, verbal, listening and written
- Respect and commitment to diversity and equal opportunities

Training & Support Provided:

- Training in peer support and the skills needed to design a project
- Ongoing personal development training
- Regular 1-2-1, group support and supervision sessions (monthly)
- Reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses (up to a reasonable amount)

Skills and Experience likely to be developed from the role:

- An understanding of supporting people living with long-term health conditions
- Transferable skills in designing and developing projects
- Building on personal and professional skills such as confidence, communication, presentation skills, boundaries, and confidentiality.

To apply for this role, please complete the Peer Advocate application form and return to seanhourigan@peerpartnership.org or post to

The **Peer** Partnership**,**

Easton Community Centre,

Kilburn Street,

Bristol,

BS5 6AW.

For more information on this role, or how to apply, contact The **Peer** Partnership on **0117 9555 038.**

***** The **Peer** Partnership **is a project within Brigstowe and follows the same policies and procedures. For more information on Brigstowe, please visit our website here.**