

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for expressing an interest in becoming a volunteer with Golden Key.

**Please note that this role is for people who have had their own personal lived experience of any of the following: mental ill-health, substance misuse, homelessness or offending behaviour.**

There is no minimum length of commitment, but please be aware that you will be required to be available for volunteering for half a day a week, either a morning or afternoon on business days. If unsure, please contact us at 0117 428 92 37.

If you decide to apply then please complete the attached Peer Mentor Application Form and return it in the pre-paid envelope or email to info@goldenkey.bristol.org.uk

**We would like to make our application process as accessible as possible. If you would like any support (due to dyslexia, learning disability or sight impairment, for example) please give us a call on 0117 428 92 37**

 The volunteer recruitment process is as follows;

1) We process your application.

2) You attend an interview with our team.

3) Your DBS and reference are approved.

4) You will be required to undertake at least two days induction training, with additional days of training if the need is identified.

We are required to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service Check (DBS); this is to ensure both your safety and the safety of the people that you may be working with. There is no cost involved for the volunteer. The process takes 2 – 6 weeks or longer. We will send you the details for online application if you are successful at interview.

If you require any assistance in completing the form or have any queries please feel to contact us on 0117 428 92 37 otherwise we look forward to receiving your application form.

Regards

Golden Key Peer Mentoring Service

**Golden Key Peer Mentor Application Form**

Your Details please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS

Full name:

Email:

Address:

Over 18? Yes/No (Volunteers must be over 18)

Phone No::

Where did you hear about us? (if recommended by an organisation, please say which one):

 Internet Search – Voscur – Do.It - Word of Mouth – Poster – Leaflet - Volunteer Event

 Other Please Specify…………………………….

**Can you confirm that you have experience in any of these four areas: mental ill-health, substance misuse, homelessness or offending behaviour?** Yes/No

Please use the space below to tell us a little more about your experiences (such as what and when, the services you have used if any), including your journey to where you are now and how you keep safe and maintain stable:

**Willingness to use your own lived experience, time and energy to support and help inspire others.** Please tell us about what motivates you to volunteer as a Peer Mentor (your drives, your aspirations, including short term and long term goals):

**Whilst training for the role of Peer Mentor, you will be required to have a basic level of literacy**. Please state how comfortable you feel with reading and writing. We are keen to welcome those who have not been through formal education, so please don’t be put off by this:

**During your application process, you may be asked to read an email and/or send an email with attachments.** Although we can support you with that, please state your current level of IT skills or willingness to learn:

**In the role of Peer Mentor you will be required to complete at least 2 days of mandatory training as well as attend regular one to ones and groups to make sure that you are safe and that you are getting the most out of what you do as a volunteer.**

Please state your current availability and your capacity to undertake this commitment:

Please return your completed form to info@goldenkeybristol.org.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible. If you would like to know more information please don’t hesitate to contact us on 0117 428 9237, 0779 055 0975 or 0785 501 1805.

**Please confirm that you have completed the application form and the information given is correct:**

**Signed: Print name:**

**Date:**

Did someone help you with the application? If so please provide details below:

**Name:**

**Contact details:**

**Please provide the following details for one referee.** (Please note that this should not include family or friends). Contact us a call if unsure.

Name:

Role: Organisation:

Relation to you:

Phone number: Email address:

**Please can you tell us about your current circumstances:**

1. Are you currently working in a paid or voluntary capacity? Yes/No
2. If **Yes** please can you give a brief outline of your role?

**2.** Are you currently looking for paid roles too?Yes/No

1. If **Yes** please state what roles you are applying for?

**Equal Opportunities**

**We are committed to equality of opportunity and to ensure that our service is accessible to as many people as possible, it would be of great help if you could complete the below questions. This information will be treated with the utmost confidence and will be used for monitoring purposes only.**

**Please note that this form is optional but we value any information you feel comfortable to provide.**

**Please tick the boxes you feel best describe you:**

**Ethnicity**

Asian**[ ]** Please specify:

Black African [ ]

Black Caribbean [ ]

Dual heritage [ ]  Please specify:

White British [ ]

White Other [ ]  Please specify:

Other [ ]  Please specify:

**Age**

16-24 **[ ]** 25-40**[ ]** 41-59 **[ ]** 60+**[ ]**

**Gender**

Female [ ]  Male [ ]  Transgender [ ]  Other [ ]  Please specify:

**Do you consider yourself to be disabled?** Yes [ ]  No [ ]

Please specify:

Learning disability [ ]

Physical disability [ ]

Mental Health [ ]

**Sexuality**

Heterosexual [ ]  Gay [ ]  Lesbian [ ]  Bisexual [ ]  Prefer not to disclose [ ]