**Expression of interest in ‘peer researcher’ role (care leavers wellbeing project)**

Thank you for contacting us about the opportunity we have available for care leavers. We are looking to recruit three people with experience of being a care leaver to join our team on a consultancy basis. The work is ad hoc; however, we estimate it will require 40 days per person over 12 months. Therefore, the role can be flexible around other commitments you may have.

You will work with the project manager at McPin, who will provide training and support for the role. The McPin team will work alongside our partner organisation in this project (What Works for Children’s Social Care; WWCSC). You will be joining a small team across the two organisations. A DBS check will be required.

More information about the projects and our partnership with WWCSC can be found on our website, [here](https://mcpin.org/partnership-with-wwcsc-what-works-for-childrens-social-care/).

Key things to be aware of:

* The role will require you to draw upon personal experiences of being a care leaver and be willing to talk about these life experiences with people who take part in the research. Support and guidance on how to do this and when to do it (or not) will be provided.
* The role does not require formal qualifications, but it is a researcher position, so an interest in research and skills that can be used in research activities will be needed.
* Training will be provided by the research team. You will be paid for attending the training as part of your role.
* We call this role a ‘peer researcher’, to emphasise the importance of lived experience expertise, but people can choose how to describe their role in public (such as researcher on care leavers’ mental wellbeing project).
* The work will require doing semi-structured research interviews with young care leavers. Most of these will be done remotely via telephone or videoconference, but some may be done in person.
* Most of the work is home-based, there may be occasional travel (including to the McPin London office). All reasonable travel expenses will be covered.
* You will also need access to a computer and a reliable internet connection (with video conferencing technology, webcam, and microphone). If this is a problem please do talk to us and we will try to find a solution.

**To start the process please complete the sections below and send us your CV.**

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| **Full name:** |  | **Telephone contact:** |  |
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The peer researchers will work on two care leaver projects for McPin. The roles involve conducting and analysing semi-structured interviews with care leavers in 10-15 sites. Most of the semi-structured interviews will be done remotely (e.g., via telephone or videoconferencing). It is possible that some will be done face-to-face, in which case some travel would be required (this will be reimbursed).

Our team is committed collaboration, inclusion and a belief in equity and anti-oppressive behaviour. For this post, we particularly encourage applications from care leavers who have experienced being classified as an unaccompanied asylum-seeking child or who identify as a refugee, as well as those who have a disability, and/or are from an ethnic minority background and/or identify as LGBTQ+.

In the space below please tell us:

* Why you are interested in this role
* What experiences and knowledge you bring to the project

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This project is looking for people who have experience, or an interest, in research. Please use the space below to tell us about any relevant experience or skills which help to demonstrate this interest. Also, any other information relevant to your application.

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The project is likely to require 40 days over 12 months. The work will be carried out between September 2022 and September 2023, with some busier periods and some less busy periods (we estimate that most of the work will occur in two time-blocks, rather than being evenly spaced throughout the year). We know that sometimes other commitments must take priority and we will always do our best to accommodate these when allocating work.

* Please confirm that you expect to be able to commit to this amount of time: **YES / NO** (please delete one)
* Finally we have to check everyone is eligble to work in the UK. Please indicate: **YES / NO** (please delete one)

The rate of pay for the work is £21.34 per hour, and a day is 7.5 hours (£160). Hours/days of work for each task are agreed in advance.

**Please return your completed application to Dan Robotham before 9:00am on 30th August 2022**

**If you have any queries please contact** DanRobotham@mcpin.org (or alternatively, when Dan is on annual leave, contact RoseThompson@mcpin.org)