

# **SOCIAL WORKER**

Consultant basis c£30 per hour, approx 1 - 1.5 days per week, with potential to increase

Job Description

## **OUTLINE OF THE ROLE**

Westminster Befriend a Family is looking for a social work consultant to provide us with advice and support on a part-time/on-call basis for six months with the possibility of extension. Reporting to the Director and working with the Service Coordinator, you'll support us with referrals, provide guidance in assessments and assist with supervision and monitoring of families and young people we work with. Each week we'd like you to work with us in person for four hours (in the office or joining us in visits to families), and provide an additional remote support service for a maximum of three hours a week. We expect that in total you'll work with us for seven hours a week, occasionally more. Payment will be on an hourly basis (to be negotiated dependent on experience), with seven hours guaranteed a week.

## **BACKGROUND TO WESTMINSTER BEFRIEND A FAMILY**

Westminster Befriend a Family has been providing support to vulnerable families in the borough for 30 years. Working with volunteers, we offer mentoring, befriending and peer support networks for isolated families, building independence, breaking cycles of social exclusion and preventing a slide into crisis. Volunteer befrienders visit families weekly, empowering them to overcome challenging circumstances and offering social and emotional support. 'Broadening Horizons', our flagship mentoring programme, supports 13 – 18 year olds, building aspirations, boosting confidence and providing additional support with educational and social challenges. We provide continuity through facilitating peer support sessions, where parents can meet in a safe, inclusive environment.

## **TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Referrals – help boost our referrals, liaising with other agencies and services, exploring the potential to introduce self-referrals
- Assessment - support assessments of new families and mentees to ensure that they are within the scope of our remit.
- Signposting and onward referral – help us identify when people need more support, as well as where and how we can help them get it.

- Safeguarding – support our Service Coordinator where safeguarding concerns are raised, building our capacity to effectively identify safeguarding concerns, and duly process and resolve such cases.
- Where requested, provide input in training and supervision of volunteers

## **QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**

- Qualified social worker
- 5 – 8 years experience as a practicing social worker, ideally specialising in children, young people and families
- Experience of service delivery in the voluntary sector

## **SKILLS AND QUALITIES**

- Ability to coach non-professionals, building capacity of individuals and organisations
- An understanding of volunteer motivations and commitments
- Creativity and imagination – tell us what we could do differently, how we can achieve our full potential and support us in making the changes to get there
- Friendliness – we're a small team in the business of making friends

Closing date: 05 July 2019

If you are interested, please send your CV and Cover Letter to [loris@befriendafamily.co.uk](mailto:loris@befriendafamily.co.uk).