



Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness

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JOB DESCRIPTION

Location: St Peter's Church Hall, London Road, Kingston upon Thames KT2 6QL

Job Title: Night Shelter Co-ordinator

Responsible to: Senior Management Team

Responsible for: 5 Night Shelter Support Workers plus a team of volunteers

Hours: 36 hours: flexible hours including evenings and weekends and some working from home.

Salary: £35,000

Duration: Fixed term contract starting in November 2025 to the end of March 2026 with possible extension

Annual Leave: TBA

Purpose of Post

- a) Ensuring the smooth running of the shelter scheme
- b) Maintaining links between the participating churches & other faith communities and other community organisations
- c) Raising awareness in the local community around issues of homelessness and as a way of recruiting volunteers
- d) Encouraging cooperation between faith community, statutory and voluntary organisations and local businesses

Planning

- Develop and maintain project plan for Winter Night Shelter (WNS)
- Identify what data to collect and set-up systems for recording (e.g. attendance, referring body, outcomes etc)
- Ensure adequate records are kept (by Co-ordinator and volunteers –both at the Shelter(s) and by KCAH
- Update/develop policy and procedures
- Ensure all aspects of Risk Assessment, Fire Safety and Food Hygiene are properly managed and scrutinised

Venue and coordination

- Produce a risk assessment for the venue
- Maintain daily inspection of building use and escalate any repairs (or other building concerns) to KCAH Senior Leadership Team.
- Keep good contact with landlord of building to ensure good management.

Co-ordinator Components

- Have regular communication with volunteers, particularly any co-ordinators
- To work with the Senior Management Team to ensure that any co-ordinators and volunteers are adequately trained
- To continuously operate an outcome-driven service
- Provide a day-to-day management function within the charity as required by the Senior Leadership Team

Volunteer Training and Management

- Plan, arrange and deliver regular training sessions for volunteers and publicise these events
- Identify and maintain database of local volunteers and coordinators to ensure that every night has adequate and safe levels of volunteers and staff
- Produce material for all training and evaluate the sessions – reviewing content, timing and material of all sessions
- Develop procedure for registration of volunteers and to ensure all volunteers appropriately trained and referenced where necessary
- Produce and distribute manuals to staff and hand-outs for volunteers
- Develop system for contacting volunteers (through co-ords or directly)

Resources

- Log location and number of existing resources (mats, sleeping bags etc)
- Source (donations or buy) additional resources
- Arrange delivery to/collection of resources
- Decide where to store resources
- Ensure shelter venue has the resources that they need

Shelter Support

- Attend shelter on various shifts to support team and assess adherence with policies and procedures
- Be on-call for queries or issues that arise during shelter opening
- Produce on-call rota to ensure support is available to staff or shift leaders during shelter opening hours
- Establish working relationships with the guests that use the shelter

Provision of services

- Source and arrange provision of health and wellbeing services for WNS period and ensure police are well-informed
- Produce procedures and terms of reference for all service providers involved in the scheme
- Explore provision of additional services (e.g. hairdresser, massage, etc), arrange delivery, and ensure appropriate briefing is provided
- Link guests in with the provision of any daytime activities taking place in the community

Publicity/Liaison with local partners

- Work alongside the KCAH Communications Officer to ensure regular publicity (through press and local partner organisations) for WNS
- Liaise with the Faith Community Kingston Volunteering, the University, the hospital, , the Council to advertise volunteering opportunities

Liaison with stakeholders and delivering related projects

- Work and liaise with colleagues at RBK to create positive working relationships to benefit guests at the shelter.
- Work with KCAH's HCIS team and other sub regional leads to ensure pathways out of homelessness for night shelter guests are established, attending multi-agency meetings as appropriate
- Attend Housing Justice (HJ) London WNS Forum meetings
- Participate in London WNS project manager support network

Funding and finance

- Maintain an awareness for the accounting/audit system for WNS finances

Evaluation and reporting

- Get volunteers to provide feedback on training sessions
- Get feedback from volunteers and guests on WNS experience, including suggestions for future development – through surveys and focus groups
- Produce financial report at end of WNS period
- Produce end of project report, for KCAH, stakeholders (e.g. venue coordinators), and funders

General Components

- To work as part of the team of staff and volunteers at KCAH and assist with the general office support at all times to ensure the quality of service is maintained
- To have full awareness of KCAH policies and procedures and implement them in all work activities, with particular focus to Equality and Diversity, Health and Safety and Safeguarding
- Demonstrate a continually developing knowledge and skill for the benefit of KCAH
- To be aware of and be committed to the promotion of KCAH's values, vision, mission and diversity statements in both employment and service delivery
- To undertake any other duties commensurate with the grade and in line with the requirements of the post

Person Specification

1. Experience of working in or with the voluntary sector, preferably in the field of homelessness
2. An understanding of the needs of marginalized people and an ability to work with them
3. The ability to work with and organise volunteers
4. A knowledge and understanding of how faith and community groups can benefit projects

5. Proven interpersonal skills, including an ability to motivate and encourage people and
6. Ability to interact with people in a polite, appropriate and professional manner, including ability to challenge and resolve difficult situations
7. Ability to work unsupervised and take initiative
8. Proven administrative skills, including good written and oral communication and good computer literacy
9. To be self-servicing in terms of being IT literate with the ability to use Microsoft Word, Excel, Doodle and a web-based data recording system
10. Excellent organisational and time management skills with the ability to meet targets
11. Ability to work flexibly across the organisation, where necessary, in order to support the whole staff team and meet the objectives of KCAH
12. Possess a demonstrable commitment to Equal Opportunities and to the aims, principles and policies of KCAH