



# EXCHANGE HOUSE IRELAND

## National Travellers Service

**Exchange House Ireland now wishes to recruit a**

### **Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention Men's Worker**

Exchange House Ireland National Travellers Service is seeking a suitable candidate to fill a position of Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention Men's Worker to engage and work with Traveller men in the area of mental health recovery, promotion and suicide prevention

National Traveller Mental Health Service is a Traveller specific mental health and suicide prevention service. The service aims to improve mental health and overall wellbeing and reduce the likelihood of suicide within the Traveller community. It delivers mental health supports and suicide prevention by engaging and consulting with Travellers and others to provide education, training, individual support and group work to the community.

The service adheres to and is guided by the Ireland's National Strategy to Reduce Suicide 2015-2020 "Connecting for Life".

#### **Job Description**

##### **Location:**

- Exchange House Ireland National Travellers Service Offices in Dublin 1

##### **Reporting To:**

- Exchange House Ireland Mental Health Team Lead

##### **Catchment Area:**

- Dublin

##### **Job purpose:**

- To engage and work with Traveller men in the area of mental health recovery, promotion and suicide prevention
- To create trusting relationships and develop safe spaces for Traveller men
- To run Traveller men groups in identified areas
- To tackle mental health stigma, promote mental health and suicide prevention skills and knowledge among Traveller men

##### **Key responsibilities:**

- To engage Traveller men, particularly those aged 16 -25, with mental health promotion and suicide prevention initiatives
- To deliver training, programmes and run groups with and for Traveller men which promote recovery, positive mental health and increase resilience
- Create partnerships and pathways between other Mental Health services and Traveller men
- To participate in networks related to men's health and support Traveller men's participation and representation
- To act as a resource and support to Traveller men on suicide awareness, prevention and training
- To support and work closely with all services within Exchange House Ireland
- To complete outreach and work on identified Traveller halting sites
- To carry out any other duties as requested

#### **Person Specification**

The successful candidate will have a minimum of 3 years' experience working in the community sector working with projects that seek to address social exclusion and inequality.

The successful candidate will be expected to have:

- Proven experience in a mental health context in the community sector.
- Knowledge or experience of working with the Traveller community

- A professionally endorsed qualification in Community Development, Education or Social Care and/or experience of using community development approaches.
- A clear understanding of the impacts of social exclusion and inequality, particularly within the context of mental health.
- A working knowledge of, commitment to and promotion of mental health recovery principles and models of community participation.
- Experience of team-working and the ability to manage and to build positive working relationships.
- Experience developing and delivering trainings, workshops and facilitating group work.
- Proven communications and interpersonal skills, both verbal and written.
- Excellent research, analytical and IT skills with an ability to access information quickly and strategically.
- A high level of motivation; capacity to work alone and on own initiative
- Good written, numeracy, administrative and IT skills
- Skilled in using initiative and prioritising workload
- Skilled in acting calmly in emergencies and responding in a professional manner to stressful behavior
- Skilled in liaising effectively both internally and externally and being a co-operative and supportive member of a team

**Other:**

- Full, clean driving licence
- Access to own vehicle
- Up to date car insurance, tax and NCT

This is a full-time position of 39 hours a week

The salary will be in the range of €30,293 - €43,451 as per the HSE Social Care Worker Scale commensurate with qualifications and experiences

There is a probation period of six months

Application form is available on [www.exchangehouse.ie](http://www.exchangehouse.ie) or [www.activelink.ie](http://www.activelink.ie)

**Completed Applications Forms should be sent to:**

*(CVs will not be accepted)*

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Exchange House Ireland National Traveller Service  
61 Great Strand Street  
Dublin  
D01 WC97

Or emailed to [info@exchangehouse.ie](mailto:info@exchangehouse.ie)

**Closing date for applications is 5pm Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017**

**Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed on: 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

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*All positions in Exchange House Ireland are subject to Garda Vetting and full reference checks. Exchange House Ireland is an Equal Opportunities Employer and welcomes applications from members of the Traveller community.*