

6 months Fixed Term Contract Community Development Worker

Project: *CK Health Connections* Social Prescribing Project, Charlton Kings

Location: Field working base: Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire

Status: 6 months self-employed contract (home and Parish Council office based)

55 hrs per month @£18 per hr

£990 per month

Are you an experienced Community Development Worker looking for an exciting opportunity?

Charlton Kings Parish Council is looking for an experienced Community Development worker to work collaboratively and build alliances with statutory service providers, community and voluntary groups, churches, schools and business to deliver a community well-being project, that will meet the diverse needs of a population of over 12,000. The council believes that connecting professionals and community resources to the community it serves is a key driver of enhanced physical and mental health and a proactive response to the challenge of loneliness and social isolation.

The Parish Council's Parish Plan (2017) identifies Community well-being as a key area for action. To develop this further the council is driving an innovative health and well-being 'Social Prescribing' project called *CK Health Connections*. Through engagement and collaboration with one of our local GP medical practices Sixways, local churches, care homes, the Clinical Commissioning Group, Community Social Prescriber and other community organisations, the Parish Council is leading a project to improve the health, wellbeing and welfare of local people by connecting them to existing community based local services and identifying any potential gaps in services.

Phase One of this project, which has been funded by Gloucestershire County Council's 'Growing Our Communities' fund, will recruit a fixed-term self-employed Community Development worker, who will deliver specific outcomes for the Parish Council over a six month period.

The Community Development Worker will:

1. Develop a web based comprehensive Community Directory resource, to include listings for both recreational and dedicated community support services
2. Identify gaps in community support services through exploring partnerships with key local service providers and engagement with the community
3. Liaise effectively across the range of statutory, voluntary and private sector agencies operating in the area, to gather information and build relationships
4. Support the community in finding solutions to any identified shortfall in support services

5. Write a full report, with recommendations, on phase one of the project and publish the online directory on the Parish Council website
6. Report to and be supported by members of the Council's Community Development Committee and the Parish Clerk

Community Benefits:

- Easy access to a social prescribing support and information service using multiple platforms, which has the potential to reduce community isolation, loneliness and vulnerability
- Production of a comprehensive Community Directory of Services and Supports
- Building of Social Capital (community confidence and empowerment) through the identification of gaps in services which could lead to the commissioning of new services
- Stronger collaborative partnerships between health professionals, community services and service users
- Peer Support- the opportunity for enhanced communication between residents of Charlton Kings Parish, who may face similar life or health challenges

The Candidate:

Candidates should be able to evidence the following skills, education and experience:

- Relevant Community Development experience and qualifications;
- Excellent verbal communication skills and the ability to develop strong working relationships with a range of stakeholders;
- Experience in, and understanding of, local government structures, the voluntary and not-for-profit sector (i.e the NHS);
- Project management and presentation skills, supported by competencies in Microsoft Excel and Powerpoint;
- Web development and publishing skills;
- Advanced research and report writing skills;
- Knowledge and experience of data gathering.

Notes to Candidates:

1. Please submit letter of application, stating your recent community development experience and what you think you could bring to the role, together with your CV to the Parish Clerk Mrs Joanna Noles by email to clerk@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk or by post or in person to the Parish Council Office.
2. The closing date for receiving applications is **9.00 am on Monday, 21st October**
3. Applicants will be shortlisted and interviews have been scheduled to take place on **Thursday, 21st November 2019** in Charlton Kings Parish Council Office, 26, Church Street, GL538AR.
4. Shortlisted candidates will be asked to produce a document of 500 words setting out how they will deliver the project, including interim goals and timescales, for discussion at their interview.
5. The role may require some evening and weekend work.
6. If you have any queries in relation to this job opportunity, please contact the Parish Clerk at the above email address or by telephone at 01242 250087

19th September 2019