**Role description**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Role:** | Expert by Experience Leader |
| **Location:** | Sheffield |
| **Payment / Expenses:**  *(according to Rethink Mental Illness policy)* | **Experts by Experience Leader A**   * £50 per half day * £100 per full day * Expenses   **Experts by Experience Leader B**   * £75 per half day * £150 per full day * Expenses |

**About the role:**

You may have heard about a new approach to supporting people affected by mental illness in the community in Sheffield, so people have the right support at the right time.

This is an opportunity to transform treatment and support. Voluntary and community organisations will be working in partnership – together with each other, and together with the NHS and council – so that people experience joined up help in their community that meets their needs.

***What is the purpose of the role?***

To represent lived experience in considerations and decisions about how support in the community can be best offered to meet people’s needs. The goal is personalised and holistic support that improves the experience and quality of treatment and support for service users, carers and families.

***How many roles are there?***

There are around 10-12 roles in total with a mixture of the 2 EbE Leader roles.

A: EbEL (Expert by Experience Leader) who works with support - includes community engagement activity and attending multiple stakeholder meetings with support.

B: EbEL (Expert by Experience Leader) who works independently - representing insights that have come from community, through the EbE Advisory group - into decision making multiple stakeholder meetings, or working groups or delivers training independently.

***What tasks will be involved?***

* attending workshops and working group meetings (as you are able to)
* leading community engagement, carrying out research (as agreed)
* regularly communicating with co-production staff.

***What are the responsibilities?***

* To represent the needs of a diverse range of people with lived experience, including different cultural backgrounds and ethnicity and experiences of mental health care (or lack of)
* To champion innovation and improvement, being ambitious for the mental health and wellbeing of people in Sheffield
* To make collaborative decisions and propose solutions and ways forward
* To appreciate different perspectives in the co-production process
* To challenge constructively as trusted and valued partners.

***Will there be support and training?***

* yes: training in co-production practice and collaborative working will be available
* yes: there will be support available for the participation process.

***What skills, knowledge and experience do I need?***

***Essential:***

* experience and understanding of the needs of people with mental health needs, and carers, in Sheffield
* ability to represent a range of communities not just your own
* experience of collaborative working\*
* ability to read documents provided in English and sent by email
* ability to attend meetings around Sheffield, either in person or virtually
* ability to communicate by phone, email (internet video conferencing desirable).

\*collaborative working includes: active listening, appreciating different perspectives, positive language, proactive, solutions-focused approach, constructive/sensitive challenging, willingness to compromise/negotiate, enabling emotionally safe environments.

***You may also have:***

* experience of being a member of a working group, steering group, board, or similar
* experience of engaging people in the community
* experience of lived experience research: (methods, carrying out interviews/focus groups, evaluation)
* knowledge of the health and care system.

**We are looking for people that bring a different perspective so that we reflect the communities we are working with, including those from black, Asian and ethnic minority backgrounds, the traveler community and experience of homelessness or exclusion.**

***Next steps***

If you would like to find out more, or apply for these roles, please send an email to: sheffield.cmhu@rethink.org. Thank you.