

Volunteer Role Description

Title	Volunteer Counsellor
Volunteer Lead	Community Engagement Coordinator and Team Leader
Location	North Somerset
Time Commitment	Minimum 2 hours per week.

Role summary

This is an exciting opportunity to provide counselling for individuals who are directly and indirectly affected by alcohol and substance use. Under the supervision of the Counselling Lead you will help individuals to work through their concerns and assist them with deciding on an appropriate course of action.

What will you be doing?

- Undertaking counselling interventions, adhering to With You and BACP guidelines, on a one-to-one basis with clients
- Ensuring case notes are taken for each session and recorded in line with We are With You's policies and procedures
- Raising any potential safeguarding concerns with appropriate members of staff
- Attending counselling supervision meetings

The skills you will need?

- Counselling qualification- Level 2 or above.
- BACP Member
- Willingness to complete appropriate training including training on motivational interviewing, alcohol and drug awareness and trauma informed care.
- A client-focused perspective
- A friendly, positive and approachable manner
- Ability to work with people in a non-judgmental way
- Able to work independently and as part of a diverse team
- Ability to empathise with the challenges faced by the people using our services



- Able to follow instructions and act on own initiative within set boundaries
- Ability to respect and maintain confidentiality

What's in it for you?

- Access to relevant training and ongoing role-specific guidance, support and additional learning opportunities throughout your time with us
- Opportunity to use and develop your skills as part of giving back to your local community
- Volunteer alongside a friendly and professional team that makes a real difference to people's lives
- Gain valuable experience and insight into the inner workings of a Community Drug and Alcohol service
- Regular contact and support at every stage of your journey as a volunteer, including an assigned member of staff for supervision and development
- An opportunity to feedback about your experience volunteering with us
- Access to We Are With You employee assist programme

Please note that we require you to be a minimum of 18 years of age to be considered for this volunteering role

This role is subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check at an Enhanced Level