

RADIATEARTS

Job Vacancy: Veteran Support Officer

based in Cheshire / Northwest, hybrid working.

Part Time, 20 hours per week,

Salary: £13.50 per hour

Fixed term contract until 31st December 2023.

Who we are:

Established in 2017, Radiate Arts CIC is a social enterprise working in Cheshire, North and Mid-Wales. We facilitate the expression of creativity by members of community groups.

In mid-Wales, our focus is on supporting the mental health and wellbeing of Veterans throughout Wales. We do this through mindful creative, and outdoor activities and residential retreats. We are now expanding this service into Cheshire and northwest England.

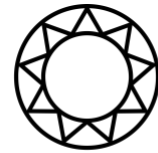
Our purpose is to create positive change in peoples' lives through delivering creative workshops and experiences with an opportunity to access 1-2-1 art therapy support.

The job:

We're looking for a proactive and experienced Wellbeing Support Officer to co-ordinate and assist the delivery of varied wellbeing programmes that combat isolation and increase self-esteem for our beneficiaries.

Key responsibilities:

With funding from Veterans' Foundation, we will employ a Veteran Support Officer (VSO) up to 31st December 2023, with a view to continuing the contract for the right person. This person would engage with local veteran communities in Cheshire and Powys, encouraging them to use our regular, weekly workshops and art therapy sessions, and support them in these activities.



RADIATEARTS

Ideally, a creative/outdoor practitioner with lived experience of the Armed Forces, this co-ordinator would support individuals in engaging with existing programmes and co-create with individuals, new programmes and activities that meet their needs.

Our VSO will run outreach programmes, going out into the community, meeting veterans and their families, and through this recruit individuals into new and existing art sessions.

As well as outreach at events, we know there are many veterans who might not be attending these events; individuals who are isolated, suffering alone, or perhaps who are now homeless.

Our VSO will organise home visits, working with referral partners, and go out into the community to find individuals who are not engaging with Radiate Arts or our care partners and partner art organisations and find ways to support them, whether directly or through signposting.

By bringing new veterans into Radiate Arts in both our Chester and Powys locations, we can build new weekly therapeutic art sessions for veterans who are experiencing post-traumatic stress, helping them work towards mental and emotional well-being and find new ways of using art to support self-worth and change.

Our veteran support officer would manage relationships with existing referral partners and find new partners working with veteran communities both in Wales and Cheshire.

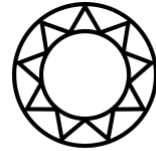
We have a flexible approach to working hours, however, there will be a requirement to attend residential courses in Mid-Wales which may involve working at weekends and evenings.

Essential qualifications, experience and skills required for this role:

Ideally this will suit a veteran from any Armed Forces background.

- Nationally recognised qualifications in fields such as: Health and social care, sports, exercise, recreation, IT, art or similar at Level 3.
- Knowledge of or willingness to undergo training relating to safeguarding and mental health wellbeing.
- Knowledge of relevant and appropriate rehabilitative activities for diverse groups.
- Understanding of the risk assessment process and the importance of continued dynamic assessment of risk.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Effective organisational and time management skills.
- Ability to work sensitively and cooperatively with staff in the organisation and with partner organisations.
- Ability to work as part of a team and on own initiative.
- Working Knowledge in Microsoft, Word, Teams, and Outlook.
- Ability to multitask, prioritise a diverse range of tasks, and remain calm under pressure.
- Experience of working with vulnerable people to maximise their wellbeing.
- Experience of working in an environment where it has been necessary to inspire and motivate people.
- Demonstrable experience of health promotion and/or activity Engaging, proactive and self-motivated with a can-do attitude and the confidence to work autonomously and make decisions.
- Organised with attention to detail and the ability to get things done.
- Willingness to travel occasionally.

This position is subject to Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service checks.



RADIATEARTS

Closing date:

Friday 10th February 2023

Interview date:

Wednesday 15th February / Thursday 16th February 2023.

If you would like to have an informal discussion about the role, please contact Pam Bellingham, Managing Director, email: pam@radiatearts.co.uk.

To apply, please submit your current CV along with a supporting statement, explaining how you meet the needs of the role.

Please email both to office@radiatearts.co.uk and include "Veteran Support Officer" in your email title.

Please note we are only able to consider applicants who submit a CV with a Supporting Statement.