

## Advertisement

### Counsellors required

The Men's Advisory Project provides counselling services to men facing Domestic Abuse and any issues related to the abuse that they have experienced. The Men's Advisory Project have been offering this vital counselling and support service for 16 years. We currently have a very strong and active volunteer counselling group. We provide monthly Professional Supervision, undertake regular Peer Supervision and offer CPD training throughout the year and OFFER TRAVEL expenses.

We require an additional number of volunteer counsellors to ensure that we can extend our service to men who are experiencing domestic abuse throughout Northern Ireland. We currently require counsellors to be based in Belfast, Derry/Londonderry and Fermanagh to aid us in our delivery of this service. Candidates must be committed and enthusiastic qualified counsellor/psychotherapists. We also accept students who are in the second year of completing their counselling course and who have completed their "Ethics" Module of that course.

The Men's Advisory Project Team are a fantastic, committed group of counsellors delivering a vital service. They are warm, welcoming and have a huge amount of experience to share. Please join us now and help to make a difference.

## **OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY**

The post holder will also contribute to the overall development of the counselling service within the charity and will participate as a member of the Men's Advisory Project's counselling team. Professional supervision will be provided together with access to continuing professional development and peer group supervision.

## **DUTIES**

### **Counselling**

- Provide face-to-face counselling sessions to male victims of domestic abuse.
- Maintain up-to-date knowledge and awareness of appropriate referral options for clients.

### **Quality standards**

- Ensure that all work operates within the BACP Ethical Standards Framework for Good Practice in Counselling and Psychotherapy.
- Attend regular counselling supervision sessions.
- Ensure that own knowledge and skills are kept up-to-date regarding counselling theory and practice by means of continuing professional development.
- To undertake induction training to understand the impact of domestic abuse.
- To participate in peer group supervision, appraisal and other training events as required.

### **Administration**

- Keep accurate and up-to-date records of sessions provided, in accordance with the Men's Advisory Project's and BACP requirements.
- Provide statistics as necessary for the monitoring and evaluation of the counselling service.

### **Health and Safety**

- Ensure that all health and safety requirements are met.
- Ensure the Men's Advisory Project Health and Safety Policy is adhered to.

### **Additional duties**

- Keep Mentor and the Co-Ordinator fully apprised of all relevant matters.
- Ensure the confidentiality of all information received as a result of the post holder's duties in accordance with the charity's expectations.

## **Personnel Specification**

### **ESSENTIAL**

Recognised Diploma in Counselling or equivalent or working towards one.

Be able to demonstrate awareness of and adherence to a recognised professional code of ethics and standards (eg: BACP Ethical Framework).

Flexibility to work evening sessions if required.

### **DESIRABLE**

Previous experience of counselling

### **Terms and Conditions**

- Two satisfactory references will be required
- Six month probationary period
- Vetting and Barring Scheme Check (Police Check for people who are working with children and vulnerable adults)
- Evidence of relevant academic and professional qualifications.
- Evidence of counselling hours accrued.



## **Volunteer Application Form**

If you are interested in volunteering with the Men's Advisory Project (MAP) please complete the following application form and forward it to us at:

### **Men's Advisory Project**

**5<sup>th</sup> Floor Glendinning House**

**6 Murray Street**

**Belfast**

**BT1 6DN**

Or email it to us [info@mapni.co.uk](mailto:info@mapni.co.uk)

### Commitment:

Potential volunteers should be willing to commit to three counselling hours per week, monthly supervision and monthly peer supervision.

Thank you for your interest.

James Knox

Project Co-ordinator



**COUNSELLING EXPERIENCE / RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:**

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**Please provide us with your BACP/IACP or equivalent membership number**

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**DETAILS OF ANY CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS** (A conviction may not disqualify you from being a volunteer with MAP):

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**DETAILS OF TWO REFERENCES**

\*These should not be a relative

Referee 1		Referee 2	
<b>NAME</b>		<b>NAME</b>	
<b>JOB TITLE</b>		<b>JOB TITLE</b>	
<b>RELATIONSHIP TO YOU</b>		<b>RELATIONSHIP TO YOU</b>	
<b>ADDRESS</b>		<b>ADDRESS</b>	
<b>TELEPHONE</b>		<b>TELEPHONE</b>	

I consent to MAP conducting an enhanced ACCESS NI check.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_