



Volunteer Opportunity

Opportunity title:	Counsellor with recognised qualifications.
Closedown date for applications:	Ongoing
Duration of volunteer placement:	Ongoing
Staff support:	Service Manager and Counselling Lead
Based at:	Mind BLMK, Margaret Powell House, Midsummer Boulevard Central Milton Keynes MK9 3BN
Working days and hours:	Commit to a minimum of three counselling hours a week. For a period of 2 years.
Summary of duties and objective:	To counsel clients who have been assessed with specific issues. To work in a brief therapy model of 8 sessions (BT training will be offered to successful applicants if required). We welcome all approaches.
Expenses covered:	Contribution to travel costs.
Skills and experience needed:	<p>Year 2 of L4 Diploma in counselling (or equivalent) with a recognised training provider.</p> <p>To be certified as fit to practice by the training provider</p> <p>To have undertaken at least 15 hours of recent personal individual therapy.</p>
Other requirements/expectations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A recognised professional counselling qualification. • All counsellors are expected to work within the ethos of the organisation in the promotion of individual recovery and social inclusion and in line with the BACP ethical framework and the organisational policies and procedures of Mind BLMK. • To attend Quarterly team meetings • Must be able to make full use of clinical supervision as provided by Mind BLMK. • To maintain adequate records of clinical work. • Ensure that dignity, equality, diversity are upheld with clients and colleagues. • Helpful to have experience of working in mental health services, other healthcare settings and/or significant life experience. • Must be able to work as a team member. • Application form must be completed in full. • Attend interview(s) for selection. • Successfully complete a 6 month trial period. • Satisfactory DBS clearance. • Two satisfactory references. • Successfully complete Mind BLMK Induction Training. • Successfully complete SOVA and Moving and Handling Principles training.