

SENIOR PEER PROJECT OFFICER

Position

Description

Organisation:	Being Mental Health and Wellbeing Consumer Advisory Group
Title:	Senior Peer Project Officer
Employment type:	Fulltime - Fixed Term contract (nine months from late June 2019 to February 2020). Part time may be considered
Salary and Award	Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award (SCHCADS) 2010
Location:	Woolloomooloo NSW 2011
Report to:	CEO
Supervises:	Communications Project Officer (for this project only)

About Being

Being is the independent, NSW peak organisation for people with lived/living experience of mental health issues and emotional distress. Our primary focus is to ensure the perspectives and experiences of people with mental health issues are heard by decision makers, service providers, and the community. With a long-standing history of operation, **Being** is in a unique position to influence NSW policy, legislation, and service delivery, to improve the outcomes for the communities we serve by providing advice to the mental health sector on people's views and experiences of the way mental health services are delivered. We support people to advocate and provide input into decision making at all levels through a co-design process and peer-led activities.

Being has a strong focus on human rights, and as such advocate for the rights of people with mental health issues and emotional distress to live and participate in the communities they choose.

We are a value-based organisation whose work is underpinned by Recovery-Oriented principles including respect, social justice, and transparency, and a belief that recovery is possible for every individual.

Being engages with their members, Government, Community Managed Organisations, and the community through the provision of resources and information, consultations and submissions, research and evaluation, and education and training.

Being receives core funding from the Mental Health Commission of NSW and project funding from the NSW Ministry of Health.

Role Description

The Senior Peer Project Officer will work collaboratively with the CEO and Policy/Communications team at Being to develop a recovery-oriented and trauma-informed best practice policy framework for the provision of education and support for future Young Veterans Wellbeing Projects and community engagement.

The position will work collaboratively with the Veterans Centre Northern Sydney Beaches (VCNSB) to integrate young veterans lived experience with peer workforce principles, to ensure improved wellbeing and recovery outcomes for young veterans.

This position requires regular intrastate travel

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Collaborate with the CEO, Policy/Communications team to develop a recovery-oriented and trauma-informed best practice policy framework
- Development, delivery, and testing of the Young Veterans Peer Led Programs in line with recovery-oriented and trauma informed practices.
- Design and facilitate workshops, consultations and forums for Young Veterans with lived/living experience of mental health issues and their families.
- Code, interpret and analyse data from consultations with young veterans, their family and carers, and strategic partner activities with VCSNB, PHNs, ESOs and Phoenix Centre
- Development of a project Stakeholder Engagement and Communications plan in line with the project
- Work closely with key stakeholders, maintaining strong relationships, and providing education where appropriate on best practices from a lived/living experience perspective for improved young veteran recovery outcomes and transition to civilian life
- Design and implement innovative, interactive and informative activities that promote collaboration, partnership and successful delivery of Young Veterans Project goals.
- Provide recovery-oriented, trauma-informed peer support for project team as appropriate and where needed
- Other tasks or duties as required
- Represent the ethos of Being at all times and act in accordance with Being's established policies and procedures, and Code of Conduct
- Act in accordance with the principles of empowerment and inclusion of all people with lived/living experience of mental health issues and emotional distress.

3.1 Essential Selection Criteria

- ADF lived experience of veteran issues (current & former serving and/or families).
- Personal experience of mental health issues and the ability to draw upon own personal experiences and the experiences of others to inform your work.
- Demonstrated high level written skills in the development of policy, frameworks and other transferable documents.
- Demonstrated high level project management skills.
- High level communication skills including negotiation and interpersonal skills.
- Understanding of trauma informed and recovery oriented practices.
- Willingness to travel regularly (approximately every three weeks) during the project period.
- Ability to liaise and build effective relationships with a diversity of stakeholders.
- Excellent time management skills, including managing projects and competing demands.
- Demonstrated ability to work both in a team environment and independently with minimal supervision.
- Strong computer skills, including the use of MS Office suite – Word, Excel, Outlook, Powerpoint.

Being is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer. We apply affirmative action strategies to the employment of people with a lived experience of mental health issues.

Applications close on 14th June 2019

Applications must include the following:

- Cover letter addressing each of the selection criteria (can be two separate documents)
- Resume
- Two referees names and contact details

Applicants who do not include all documents and address the selection criteria **will not be considered for the position.**

For further enquiries please contact Irene Gallagher, CEO, on 93320200

Submission of applications are to be sent through to communications@being.org.au by Friday 14th June 2019. **Applications received after this date will not be considered.**