

Peer Support Worker for Monthly Co-design Advocacy Committees

(Paid Position Starting June 2023)
Applications close 20th May 2023

- SCHADS award 4.1 (hourly rate \$39.26) + 25% casual loading
- Casual position/s
- Start in June 2023
- Working from home position

About the opportunity

BEING is establishing two new committees: the Suicide Advocacy Co-design Committee and the Self-Harm Advocacy Co-design Committee to really understand Australians' real-life experiences of suicidality and self-harm. As part of the state-wide **Towards Zero Suicide** initiatives, these committees will look at important issues identified by the co-designers and BEING members. Each committee will come together for **10 co-design online sessions** to discuss current policies and services, mental health system reform and the advocacy needed to bring about positive change for people across NSW!

A key focus of the role will require the individual to maintain a confidential, safe space for co-designers to debrief in a manner which models connectedness, hope, support and reciprocity through shared experience, trust and mutual understanding. This may involve supporting people who are highly distressed to connect with appropriate supports or provide feedback back to Being in the situation of mandatory reporting or with consent from the co-designer involved where an issue may affect future participation.

Meetings

The two new BEING – Mental Health Codesign Advocacy Committees meet once a month online during working hours.

Essential selection criteria

- Currently live in NSW
- 1+ year working as a peer worker with direct 1:1 experience, community organisation support or suicide prevention support
- Have a current Working with Children Check and police check
- A personal lived experience of a mental health issue and recovery
- Willing and able to effectively, respectfully, and appropriately use your lived experience of a mental health issue
- Have working knowledge of person-led and recovery-oriented practice
- Understanding of the challenges faced by people with lived experience of mental health issues
- Have good interpersonal skills, be non-judgmental, fair, patient, have willingness to listen, and display empathy
- Proficient with technology
- The successful applicant will be required to have a computer/laptop, reliable internet connection and work phone

Hours

The Peer Support Worker's total working hours are 6 hours per month in total. The Peer Support Worker will work a total of 3 hours per shift (two hours during the co-design committee session plus one hour after the session), and two shifts per month, on Friday mornings. This may increase from July depending on our funding and your capacity.

Application process

Please complete the application form on the website or scan QR code below and email your current resume to hr@being.org.au :

<https://forms.office.com/r/dSyBvaK50T>



Applications will be considered on a first-in basis and will close once the position/s have been filled.

We welcome people of all diverse backgrounds and ages to apply, including First Nations people, people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds, people of colour, people from rural and remote communities, and LGBTIQ+ people.