CAPS Independent Advocacy

**Collective Advocacy Worker (Edinburgh)**

**Person Specification**

**Essential**

* Have knowledge and understanding of how mental health issues can affect peoples’ lives;
* Have an understanding of Collective Advocacy and what it means to be an Independent Advocacy organisation;
* Have an understanding about working in a trauma informed way and the ability to create trusting relationships with group members;
* Have experience of facilitating groups in a non-directive and non-judgemental way so people with different experiences within the group can contribute equally and in the way that suits them best;
* Have experience of working independently - being self-motivated and able to use initiative appropriately;
* Have excellent organisational skills and be able to plan and prioritise your workload to ensure all tasks are completed taking into account the needs of your colleagues and group members;
* Have experience of producing high quality written reports and delivering verbal reports and presentations, with confidence and compassion to influence decisions to the benefit of the people you are representing;
* IT skills: ability to use Microsoft Office computer packages, including Word, Powerpoint and Outlook; experience of facilitating meetings using video conferencing; experience of using online survey tools;

**Desirable**

* Have good local knowledge of Edinburgh;
* Have an understanding of Thrive and the mental health services that are available within the four localities;
* Have an understanding of peer work and the issues that mental health peer workers might face;

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