

## Role Description

# Lived Experience Worker (casual work)

Edinburgh Access Place

## About Cyrenians

For over 50 years, Cyrenians has tackled the causes and consequences of homelessness.

We understand that there are many routes into homelessness, and that there is no 'one size fits all' approach to supporting people towards more positive and stable futures. That's why all our work is values-led and relationships-based. We meet people where they are, and support them towards where they want to be.

Our Vision is an inclusive society in which we all have the opportunities to live valued and fulfilled lives.

Our way of working is built on our four core values, which are at the heart of all our work and decisions:

[Read more about us and our values](#)

[Read about our strategic aims](#)

## About the service

Community Connections Service aims to provide relationship-based support to people experiencing severe and multiple disadvantages in Edinburgh. Lived experience is at the heart of the service, using workers' own experience of homelessness and (or) recovery to provide support and improve service development and delivery.

## About the role

The role will support covering our work at Edinburgh Access Practice working alongside multiple complex needs, offering their knowledge and expertise of homelessness services to consult and co-design services in collaboration with multi-disciplinary staff teams as well as those currently accessing support. The role will also incorporate working alongside individuals on a one to one basis to connect them to community based activities building social capital & support structure.

## Objectives

- As Lived Experience Worker carry out consultation and service design with those accessing service to outline ways service provision can be improved to better meet need & demand.
- Develop consultation and evaluation tools, keep written records of processes and reflections.
- Create recommendations to influence change
- Participate in the trauma informed steering group

- Work in collaboration with green prescribing service at Access Place to support clients to participate
- Participate in the Edinburgh & alcohol partnership lived experience development group
- Work alongside those accessing the service on a one to one basis to connect them to community based activities and support networks.

## Person Specification

<b>Knowledge and Experience</b>	
Lived experience of Homelessness & or recovery	Essential
Experience of working alongside those encountering complex needs	Essential
Experience of work in partnership with other organisations	Essential
Positive outlook, self-motivated and flexible	Essential
<b>Skills</b>	
Skills in presenting information clearly to a variety of audiences	Desirable
Effective interpersonal skills in supporting people	Essential
Excellent written and verbal communication skills	Essential
Ability to use IT systems to produce written reports	Desirable
Ability to demonstrate resilience in dealing with emotions and distress	Essential
<b>Values and attributes</b>	
Committed to supporting those who face disadvantage or stigma	Essential
Committed to the demonstration of respect and compassion towards those we work with	Essential
Organised and flexible	Essential
Committed and enthusiastic about ability to bring about change	Essential

## Terms and Conditions

<b>Line Manager</b>	Service Manager
<b>Working hours</b>	Casual work. Hours will be offered as and when they are available. There is no expectation that a Casual Worker will accept all hours that are offered. A Casual Worker is not an employee.
<b>Pay</b>	<b>£13.36</b> per hour. This is an hourly rate of £11.56, plus an additional payment of £1.80 per hour to reflect any entitlement to annual leave.
<b>PVG Membership</b>	PVG membership is required

**Closing date:** Recruitment for this role opened on .... There is no set closing date. We will review applications as they are received and arrange to meet with candidates that we wish to take forward (usually within 5-7 days from receipt).

This vacancy will be closed once we have appointed.

Please refer to the Recruitment Information leaflet for further information on completing and submitting your application form.

Further information can be found at [www.cyrenians.scot](http://www.cyrenians.scot)