Occupational Therapy Sustainability Volunteer 2018-19

Job Description

One position offered to join our team of three Occupational Therapy Sustainabilty Volunteers, who support the development of sustainable practice within occupational therapy.

**Host organisation:**

Centre for Sustainable Healthcare

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CSH is an independent charity working with clinicians, healthcare managers, local community and service users to create a higher quality, cost-efficient, more sustainable health service. CSH has developed and pioneered the Sustainable Specialties approach to transforming healthcare, and hosts the Occupational Therapy Sustainable Practice Network (OT Susnet).

**Contact person:**

Ben Whittaker

Occupational Therapy Programme Lead

[ben.whittaker@sustainablehealthcare.org.uk](mailto:ben.whittaker@sustainablehealthcare.org.uk)

**Details:**

CSH is offering a voluntary position within the Occupational Therapy Programme to a UK-based occupational therapy practictioner, student or educator. This role will focus on developing case studies about current sustainable occupational therapy practice, and exploring the role of occupational therapists in the NHS Foreset, including contributing to a report about the NHS Forest and occupational therapy.

The volunteer will be asked to make monthly posts on Occupational Therapy Susnet.

Benefits for the volunteer: The position will give the volunteer a unique opportunity to: learn about sustainable healthcare, especially as it relates to occupational therapy practice and education; contribute to developing OT Susnet, which supports the embedding of sustainability in occupational therapy both nationally and globally; gain CV points; and develop skills in writing, web content management, web-based research, networking, designing surveys and producing case studies.

Start and finish dates: To start as soon as possible in December 2018 and work for six months until June 2019.

Time commitment: Four hours per week.

Location: Desk space can be provided in the CSH office in Oxford. Alternatively, work can be carried out from home.

Expenses: Travel expenses using public transport can be reimbursed for activites directly related to your work with us, as agreed in advance with CSH staff.

Supervision: Successful candidates will be supported by Ben Whittaker (Occupational Therapy Programme Lead at CSH) through individual supervision, with phone support and email contact as required, and also through group video conferencing with Ben and the other two Occupational Therapy Sustainability Volunteers.

**Application process:**

* Applications are invited by curriculum vitae and covering letter, should be sent to: [ben.whittaker@sustainablehealthcare.org.uk](mailto:ben.whittaker@sustainablehealthcare.org.uk) Expressions of interest should include why you think you would be suitable for this position and what you would bring to it, which role(s) you would most be interested in, and confirm your experience and commitment.
* Closing date: Monday 19th November 2018, 9am.
* Interviews by Skype: Week beginning Monday 26th November 2018 (tbc).

**Further information:**

To find out more about sustainability in occupational therapy, please see:

* WFOT position statement on environmental sustainability. Available at: <http://www.wfot.org/ResourceCentre/tabid/132/cid/31/Default.aspx>
* WFOT guiding principles on sustainable development. Available at: <http://www.wfot.org/ResourceCentre.aspx> > Publications
* CSH website: <http://sustainablehealthcare.org.uk/what-we-do/sustainable-specialties/occupational-therapy>
* OT Susnet: <http://networks.sustainablehealthcare.org.uk/network/ot-susnet>

For any further queries about the voluntary post please contact Ben Whittaker at CSH: [ben.whittaker@sustainablehealthcare.org.uk](mailto:ben.whittaker@sustainablehealthcare.org.uk)

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Person Specification

**Essential characteristics**

* Registered occupational therapist, occupational therapy student or occupational therapy educator
* An understanding of CSH’s aims and objectives, and the four principles of sustainable clinical practice
* Enthusiasm for improving the economic, environmental and social sustainability of occupational therapy services
* Evidence of ability to organise and manage own work
* Excellent written and verbal communication skills
* IT skills - proficiency in:
  + word processing and data spreadsheets
  + use of email

**Desirable characteristics**

* Demonstrates previous commitment to sustainable development
* Understadning of issues relating to climate change, sustainable development and health
* Experience of leading or managing behaviour change
* Use of online discussion forums and blogs