Occupational Therapy Sustainability Volunteer 2020

Job Description

Two positions are available for Occupational Therapy Sustainabilty Volunteers, to 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

Allied Health Professions Lead

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**Details:**

CSH is offering two voluntary positions within the Occupational Therapy Programme to UK-based occupational therapy practictioners, students or educators. Each volunteer will focus on one of the two following areas of work:

1. Developing the resources on the webpages for Occupational Therapy Susnet, a network for occupational therapists, students and educators interested in exploring sustainable practice.

1. Supporting the inclusion of sustainability within occupational therapy education: developing teaching materials and cases studies about occupational therapy courses in the UK where sustainability issues have already been incorporated.

Volunteers will be asked to make montly 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 Occupational Therapy 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 and producing case studies.

Start and finish dates: To start as soon as possible in September 2020 and work for six months until March 2021.

Time commitment: Four hours per week.

Location: 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 (Allied Health Professions Lead at CSH) through individual supervision, with phone support and email contact as required, and also through group video conferencing with Ben and other 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 14th September 2020, 9am.

**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: <https://sustainablehealthcare.org.uk/blog/sustainability-series-sustainable-occupational-therapy-resource-map>
* Occupational Therapy Susnet: <http://networks.sustainablehealthcare.org.uk/network/ot-susnet>

For any further queries about the voluntary posts 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
* Understanding of issues relating to climate change, sustainable development and health
* Experience of leading or managing behaviour change
* Use of online discussion forums and blogs