



WA Peer Supporters' Job Alert!

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Hi everyone and welcome to the first WA Peer Supporters' Network Job Alert!
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Peer Workforce Opportunities

CoMHWAs Peer Navigators (Peer Pathways Project)

About the role

CoMHWAs Peer Navigators will support the Peer Pathways Project. The successful candidates will assist individuals to navigate appropriate services within psychosocial, clinical, and primary healthcare settings across Western Australia.

This is a contract to 31st December 2021. Part-time position – 60 hours per fortnight, however considerations for less hours will be made for preferred candidates. Immediate start.

Key responsibilities

- Assist individuals to navigate the health system and find appropriate services; including but not limited to mental health, alcohol and other drug, general health, sexual health, housing and financial supports.
- Operating the phone line and email account and responding to requests in an effective and timely manner.
- Build and maintain relationships with key stakeholders to support Project goals and outcomes.
- Assist with the development of the Service Navigation Database / resource.
- Assist to seek opportunities for future delivery beyond grant time frames.
- Assist with program reporting, dissemination and evaluation.

To be successful:

- Lived experience of mental health recovery.
- Cert IV Mental Health Peer Work qualification.
- Demonstrated ability to work with members of the community in ways that foster hope and empowerment.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills with a strong team orientation and consumer focus.
- Ability to work autonomously, use initiative and work flexibly as part of a team to accomplish shared goals.
- Demonstrated analytical and problem-solving skills in order to develop strategies, ideas and opportunities for service navigation issues.

To view the JDF visit: <https://comhwa.org.au/s/JDF-Peer-Navigator.pdf>

To apply: Applications should include a resume and a cover letter which addresses the selection criteria in the JDF. Please address your application to Shauna Gaebler, CEO and email to admin@comhwa.org.au

View the job on CoMHWA's website: <https://comhwa.org.au/opportunities-blog/comhwa-peer-navigators-peer-pathways>

CoMHWA Project Coordinator (Peer Pathways Project)

About the role

CoMHWA's Project Coordinator (Peer Pathways) will coordinate and support the Peer Pathways project. The successful candidate will supervise two part-time Peer Workers who will navigate services with individuals over the phone and via email.

This is a contract to 31st December 2021. Full-time position – 75 hours per fortnight. **Immediate start.**

Key responsibilities

- Ensure CoMHWA's Peer Pathways Project is developed, coordinated, managed effectively and within budget.
- Ensure delivery of outputs and outcomes within agreed timeframes and to required standards.
- Lead Project Planning in liaison with CEO, Operations Manager, Administration Support Staff and Project Team.
- Build and maintain relationships with key stakeholders to support Project goals and outcomes.
- Oversee and assist with the development of the Service Navigation Database / resource.
- Management of, and support for Peer Pathways Project Peer Navigators.
- Seek opportunities for future delivery beyond grant time frames.
- Lead program reporting, dissemination and evaluation.

To be successful

- **Lived experience** of mental health recovery.
- **Cert IV Mental Health Peer Work** qualification.
- Demonstrated ability to work with members of the community in ways that **foster hope and empowerment.**
- Excellent **interpersonal and communication skills** with a strong team orientation and consumer focus.

- Skills in **coordination, planning and time management skills relevant to project implementation**, including meeting deadlines and managing competing priorities.
- Ability to work autonomously, use initiative and work flexibly as part of a team to accomplish shared goals.
- Demonstrated **analytical and problem-solving skills** to develop strategies, ideas and opportunities for resolving issues.

To view the JDF: <https://comhwa.org.au/s/JDF-Peer-Pathways-Project-Coordinator.pdf>

To apply: Applications should include a resume and a cover letter which addresses the selection criteria in the JDF. Please address your application to Shauna Gaebler, CEO and email to admin@comhwa.org.au

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Mental Health/AOD Peer Support Worker

As a Recovery Peer Worker, you will deliver services alongside other key workers, in a recovery-oriented and trauma informed manner. This role proactively interacts with people who may feel stigma, or shame, when presenting to services in crisis looking for support. The Recovery Worker brings a lived experience perspective to Ruah and its clients. This role requires peer experience/lived experience and very well established self-support strategies.

This role will operate out of Royal Perth Hospital, as part of the Safe Haven (a new alternative initiative to busy emergency department for people who are in psychological distress). The model provides the opportunity to work alongside emergency department staff and community to provide safe environment for respite and peer support for people seeking assistance that are not in need of acute care.

To apply visit: <https://www.seek.com.au/job/52305978>

Peer Worker – Alcohol and other Drugs

Palmerston Association have partnered with Ruah Community Services to participate in a new pilot project located at Fiona Stanley Hospital. The Fiona Stanley Hospital (FSH) Mental Health Service pilot seeks to appoint a Peer Worker with lived experience of alcohol or other drug concerns.

The role, based at FSH and Palmerston's Community Alcohol & Drugs Service in Fremantle, is to support clients in the hospital with their recovery as they are discharged back into community. Peer Workers provide a range of engagement, support and information to participants through the perspective of relatable lived experiences and their own social and cultural identities. Peer workers support individuals presenting with mental health and/or alcohol and other drug concerns including referral onto appropriate services and facilitating greater access to community services post discharge. These roles are an integral part of the multidisciplinary treatment team providing a valuable and unique perspective and insight from lived experience.

Applicants must hold, or be able to obtain a National Police Clearance and a Working with Children's Check.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are strongly encouraged to apply.

For the full job description: <https://www.palmerston.org.au/jobs/peer-worker-alcohol-and-other-drugs/>

To apply visit: <https://www.seek.com.au/job/52286675>

Peer Worker – Connect Wanju

Connect Wanju, the General Court Intervention Program aims to improve access to treatment and support services for accused persons within the court system through connecting people to opportunities for long term change across a range of areas including social, emotional, AOD, socio-economic needs and homelessness.

Palmerston Association and Wungening Aboriginal Corporation have partnered to provide the Connect Wanju program under a one team philosophy. Positions will be with either organisation.

Peer Workers provide a range of engagement, support and information to both GCIP participants and Case Workers through the perspective of relatable lived experiences and their own social and cultural identities. Peer workers will assist participants with a range of case related appointments, and connection with cultural or social services supports as well as peer support one-on-one and group activities.

View the full JDF online: <https://www.palmerston.org.au/jobs/peer-worker-connect-wanju/>

To apply visit: <https://www.seek.com.au/job/52158797>

Youth Peer Support Role (Fremantle)

- Youth Peer Support Workers help young people at headspace in lots of ways, including;
- To feel welcomed and to learn about what's on offer at headspace
- Normalising and de-stigmatising having mental health problems and getting some help
- Sharing your own personal story and experiences with others
- Answering questions, providing information and resources like fact sheets
- Supporting young people to get involved in headspace activities, groups and events
- Providing guidance and helpful suggestions based on the things you've learned

Overview of the Youth Peer Support Worker role

The Youth Peer Support Worker role is a part time role on a 5 week contract with possible extension for an immediate start. Key functions of the Youth Peer Support Worker Role are to provide support, promote hope and optimism about recovery, to support young people to engage with the service, work with young people to achieve their personal recovery goals and provide advocacy where needed.

As a Youth Peer Support Worker, your role is about working in collaboration with headspace Fremantle staff and young people attending our service to help young people achieve their recovery goals.

Youth Peer Support Workers are not clinicians or healthcare professionals. The kind of help you provide to young people should be drawn from your own personal experiences of navigating challenging issues, mental health problems, treatment, recovery, and engaging with services.

By sharing this lived experience, you remind other young people that they're not alone, that it's possible for things to get better, and that it's ok to ask for help.

To apply: If you are interested in applying, please email the Peer Support Coordinator = courtney@headspeace360.com.au

Peer Support Worker (Aboriginal Community)

Based in Narrogin, 200 km south of Perth, Keedac, an Aboriginal Corporation, has a vacancy for the role of care worker, mental health, caring for Aboriginal women in and around Narrogin. You will work in WAPHA funded programs: Transition Support, Continuity of Support, Psychosocial Support, and NDIS. You will offer mental health support under these programs and any other relevant activities as directed by the Team Leader. This position is subject to annual funding by WAPHA. Qualifications and experience within this area are preferred. Cert IV Mental Health is highly regarded. However, individuals with a proven track record, or with transferable qualifications and experience, are encouraged to apply.

Members of the Aboriginal community are encouraged to apply.

Based in our Narrogin office, 18 hours a week over 3 days. Remuneration is award based and is currently Level 2.1 plus superannuation and leave entitlements. Wages are paid fortnightly. A phone is supplied for work use, and a pool car is supplied for use by our Peer Support Workers.

View this job online: <https://www.seek.com.au/job/52183351>

To apply please send an application, along with your resume detailing relevant qualifications and experience, via email to the CEO, Leanne Kickett at leane@keedac.org.au or mail to PO Box 490 Narrogin WA 6312, or call 08 9881 6666 for further information.

Service Manager – Geraldton Step Up Step Down

The Geraldton Step Up/Step Down Service is a 10 bed, maximum 28 day stay facility, that provides a Step Up/Step Down option for people who are becoming unwell or are still recovering from an acute illness and need a short period of additional support and consolidation to complement their treatment and support. The Geraldton Step Up/Step Down is operated by Neami in partnership with WA Country Health Service. The Step Up/Step Down Service will accept referrals from the Mid West region. During their stay consumers are assisted to develop a wellness plan including relapse prevention. The staff team at Geraldton Step Up/Step Down will consist of a Manager, a Senior Practice Leader, Community Rehabilitation and Support Workers (CRSWs), an AOD Liaison Worker, Peer Support Worker (PSW), and Administration Support. The facility is staffed 24 hours per day, 7 days per week and operates on a 7 day rotating roster consisting of morning and afternoon shifts.

The Service Manager will initiate, lead and coordinate strategic partnerships within the community, local government, community housing, and health and welfare providers to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for consumers. They will coordinate the recruitment and selection of staff with support from HR, ensure practice development (supervision), training and skill development is provided, and manage the service budget including; monitoring progress against financial targets and ensuring priorities are established and met. The Service Manager is responsible for the overall management and continued development of the Step Up/Step Down program. The Service Manager will play a pivotal role in monitoring performance, ongoing evaluation and review of service outcomes.

What will you bring to the role?

Lived experience of mental illness and demonstrated experience of recovery

- Demonstrated experience in facilitating groups
- Knowledge of the recovery model for mental health
- Ability and willingness to work effectively as part of a team, to meet program goals and objectives.

View the position description online: https://static.ethicaljobs.com.au/media/1617937080_fLjQG_.pdf

To apply visit: <https://www.seek.com.au/job/52303744>

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