

Traveller Visibility Group: Community Drugs Worker **(<https://www.activelink.ie/node/109535>)**

The Traveller Visibility Group (TVG) Community Drugs Initiative is a Cork Local Drugs Task Force funded project. The Community Drugs Worker advises, refers and supports Travellers and their families in Cork in addressing substance misuse and addiction issues. They will be employed by TVG.

Job Title: Community Drugs Worker

Host Agency TVG

Responsible to Director of Operations and Director of Advocacy, TVG

Base of work

TVG, 25 Lower Johns St., Cork. There is significant outreach work in the community and from time to time you will be required to work outside your base in order to attend meetings, activities, training etc with some remote working when needed.

Job summary

The worker will advise, refer and support Travellers and their families in Cork city in addressing substance misuse and addiction issues. They will work with individuals and their families who are actively involved in addictive behaviour or identified as being at serious risk of becoming so.

Principal Duties

- To deliver culturally appropriate addiction work response
- To engage on a 1-1 basis with Travellers in Cork who are involved actively in addictive behaviour
- To engage in outreach work within the community
- Support and advise TVG in development of TVG response to addiction amongst Travellers
- To implement TVG's response to addiction amongst Travellers and work with TVG's Traveller Health Care Workers, Health team Coordinator and Community Development Workers to provide support and information for Travellers impacted by the misuse of drugs and alcohol and addiction related issues.
- Raise awareness and provide a safe space for Travellers to discuss substance related issues
- To build a relationship with the Traveller community and have the ability to gain their trust
- To build on the project referral system to related addiction services
- To assess the needs of clients and prepare individual tailored interventions as deemed appropriate
- To evaluate the effectiveness of the intervention on an ongoing basis
- To network and work with local agencies/ groups in order to source relevant supports and programmes. This will include working with the Local and Regional Drugs Task Force Projects, Gardai, Probation and Welfare, Addiction Treatment Services, G.P.s and other health officials, Social Workers, Counselling supports training and education providers such as the Department of Education and FAS.
- To prepare for and attend individual supervision on a regular basis
- To attend appropriate in-service training and participate in staff development as required
- To prepare a monthly work report for the TVG staff meetings and for the TVG Board of Directors

Please see Job Description attached

Application Process:

To apply for this exciting role please send a copy of your latest CV and a cover letter stating why you are interested in the position to tvgeoshea@gmail.com (<mailto:tvgeoshea@gmail.com>).

Closing Date for Submissions is **12th September 2024** with interviews taking place via Zoom or in person on week of 16th

September 2024.

For further queries on this position please contact Eileen O'Shea ontvgeoshea@gmail.com (<mailto:tvgeoshea@gmail.com>) and tvgbreda@gmail.com (<mailto:tvgbreda@gmail.com>) or call **0214503786** (tel:0214503786)

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