



Learning Disabilities Project Coordinator - Part-time (28 hrs per week)

Knowsley Disability Concern is a charitable organisation providing support for people with disabilities in Knowsley to live independently and enjoy equal rights and full social inclusion. This work involves the delivery of self-advocacy services and the provision of accessible information for adults with learning disabilities, helping them to speak up about things that are important to them and to have real choices and control over their lives.

KDC supports the Being Involved Group (BIG) which is a self-advocacy group recognised as a voice for people with a learning disability in Knowsley. The BIG group also provides an essential consultative role, working alongside Knowsley Health and Social Services and the local NHS Trusts, to ensure that people with a learning disability are involved in local decision-making and service planning.

We are seeking someone with knowledge of advocacy, and the different forms it can take, together with a good understanding of the challenges faced by people with learning disabilities as well as an appreciation of the importance of accessible information. The role involves two key elements which are clearly linked:

- To develop the BIG group, improving its status and impact, by providing guidance and support for its members as well as smaller self-advocacy groups in the community
- Providing support and practical advice to statutory and community groups to enable information for people with learning disabilities to be fully accessible and to produce Easy Read materials as required

The role would be supported by a part-time (half-day per week) person with a learning disability for whom the post-holder would have line-management responsibilities. The post is offered as 12-month fixed term contract in the first instance, pending on-going funding being identified and secured. The post-holder would be expected to provide support to the work involved in developing funding bids.

For an application pack including a detailed job description and person specification, email recruitment@kdc.org.uk and attach your CV or download the application pack from our website at www.kdc.org.uk

Closing date for applications is Monday 25 June 2012.

Note: Applications from people with a disability are encouraged. All applications will be short-listed against the criteria set out in the person specification so it will be important to include in your application an explanation of how your knowledge, skills and experience demonstrate your suitability for the post.