

Domestic Abuse Counsellor (Warwickshire) – including salaried CYP Training Opportunity

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Are you a qualified adult counsellor, looking for experience in counselling children and young people? Get paid to train within a BAPC accredited service.

At Listening Ear, we're offering a unique salaried training and placement opportunity to individuals based across Warwickshire.

Our paid intensive bridging course provides 35 guided learning hours. This is followed by a 100 hour salaried placement within Listening Ear; supporting children and young people aged 4 to 18 years using a therapeutic approach. Work with CYP will be delivered in schools and other community locations. Upon completion, you will be provided with a Certificate in Working Therapeutically with Children and Young People Aged 4 to 18 Years Presenting with Domestic Abuse and Wider Loss.

The role also involves delivering counselling to adult victim survivors of domestic abuse both in the community and online.

Part-time, sessional, fixed-term, permanent or freelance candidates will be considered. Freelance rates are £33.15 per session including all associated administrative duties and travel time.

Why Choose Us?

- Listening Ear is a leading third sector, mental health organisation with its headquarters in Knowsley, Merseyside
- Our organisation specialises in delivering therapy and support services to children, young people and adults presenting with bereavement, domestic abuse and traumatic loss, occupational health counselling and suicide postvention support services (please see our website for further details (www.listening-ear.co.uk)
- Listening Ear holds full BACP Service Accreditation for its adult and CYP services (the first organisation to achieve BACP accreditation in Merseyside in 2004)
- We are continuing to grow and now offer services in Cheshire, Merseyside, South Yorkshire, Lancashire, Warwickshire, Kent and Hampshire
- Training aligned to the BACP Core Competencies for Working with Children and Young People and the BACP Ethical Framework for supporting children and young people aged 4 to 18 years

In the last four years we:

- Delivered counselling to over 5,000 adults and 4,000 children and young people
- Grew our unique suicide postvention service (Amparo) so that it now services a population of 10 million people (18% of the population of England)
- Delivered training in therapeutic approaches, suicide, self-harm and mental health awareness and specialist courses in bereavement, domestic abuse and loss to over 600 front-line professionals
- Supported clinical placements for over forty counsellors in training

- Established a new department, Mindset Training, dedicated to the development of counselling professionals and supporting education in therapeutic approaches amongst a wide-range of frontline professionals.

Eligibility

- As a minimum, applicants must previously have achieved a **Diploma in Counselling (Level 4)** on an adult counselling focussed course. We will consider applications from current Counselling Students who are working towards their 100 hours of supervised, clinical, placement hours with adults. If applying as a current Student Counsellor, you should have completed your course of study already
- Intensive classroom-based study 12th to 16th September 2022 9am to 5pm to be held at Warwickshire County Council premises in Warwick. Students must attend all course dates.
- Placement hours will commence immediately afterwards and must be completed 2 days per week (dependent on rate of referrals initially)
- All students will be subject to enhanced DBS checks and reference checks following interview process

In relation to salaried training and placement opportunities, recipients will be required to sign a training form declaring that:

- You commit to attending all training days with Listening Ear
- You commit to completing 100 hours (minimum) placement counselling CYP within Listening Ear
- You are liable to reimburse Listening Ear for any costs incurred should either of the above conditions not be met

These salaried FREE training opportunities aim to address a shortage in the suitably qualified and experienced CYP Counsellors. Therefore, applicants evidencing (through their personal statement on their application form and at interview) a real commitment to working towards being employed as a CYP Counsellor in future, will be prioritised.

Salary

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Employees will be paid to deliver:

- 50 minute appointments in schools or other safe locations, therefore you will require access to transport.
- Completion of client management database records (training in system provided) and associated admin
- Travel between schools (as much as possible, we'll try to group appointments together)
- Dealing with risks and incidents (training in CP/Safeguarding and Risk will be provided as part of this course)
- Attendance at a weekly peer-support group
- Attendance at monthly clinical supervision

- Placements will be with children and young people in schools or other appropriate venues such as Refuge.
- Some placement hours could be required after school (until 8pm) in place of school-based hours.
- Adults may be seen in safe accommodation or other safe community settings or may express a preference for remote support (telephone or video)
- Additional peer-development groups and individual case management meetings will be organised and are required as part of the placement.

What Listening Ear students say about this course:

“I enjoyed the course and how it was facilitated, Tracy’s was warm, extremely approachable and compassionate and showed interest in the needs of the people within the group. It therefore felt safe to communicate openly, it had a great mixture of professionalism, knowledge base and personable comfort, allowing people to feel at home and stress free with lots of humour. I found the group really kind and respectful of other people’s needs and opinions and would say a big thank you to them. It is a long time since I have enjoyed a course and the company to go with it.”

What students on placement say about Listening Ear:

“From the very beginning Listening Ear was perfect. They were just like the Tutor in College had described a placement should be. They provided induction training, which was very professional and relevant to the placement, they were supportive and made you feel included in the Company as a whole. The Manager listened and supported me, this gave me the confidence to continue but also he was very honest and told me exactly how things needed to be. I liked the fact there were no grey areas and the Company upheld the BACP principles and worked within their ethical framework. I found the whole process amazing and I would recommend them to anyone out there who is looking.”

Application Process

Please submit a CV with a completed Covering Document for the role.