

Counselling Placement Opportunity for Child and Adolescent Counsellors or Psychotherapists

Manorfield Primary School, located in Tower Hamlets London, is a large and thriving primary school committed to delivering high achievement and fostering a love for learning and healthy relationships. We have a well-established and relied upon Schools Base Counselling service that is currently includes Counselling Trainees. This service offers vulnerable students child- led Counselling Sessions during the school day with an emphasis on supporting secure and consistent relationships as a baseline criteria for healthy social development, learning and long term mental health outcomes.

Role Description

We are currently looking to appoint trainee Counsellors or Psychotherapists who are looking to gain placement clinical hours within this academic year. Trainees must be from Child and Adolescent Counselling and Psychotherapy training courses.

Our therapeutic offer is primarily; Attachment focused, trauma informed, creatively led, Inclusive, and developmentally guided. Therapeutic support starts from where a vulnerable student is today, and specifically so. The service runs during term-time only, with sessions held in a dedicated Counselling Room on Tuesdays and Wednesdays with creative and play materials provided in the room. You will be gaining clinical hours alongside a experienced Child and Adolescent Integrative Therapist and Clinical Supervisor.

To apply, candidates must be signed off by their training providers for Clinical Placement hours :

To be considered, applicants will:

- **Be available to work with students on a Tuesday/ Wednesday – term time only**
- Ideally commit to a minimum of 6 months to 1 academic year of sessions
- Be at Diploma Level, 2, 3 or 4 upwards. Post qualification practioners welcome if clinical hours are still required for this age group
- Be in personal therapy given demands of training and the work
- Be able to attend regular (weekly/ biweekly) Clinical Supervision with our Clinical Supervisor for their caseload/parts of it– **this is mandatory**. We understand that trainees may also be accessing Supervision in training and that careful thinking about this can make it work
- Demonstrate an ability and receptiveness to use Placement Supervision effectively (e.g. capacity to explore, wonder, learn in times of challenge and success etc)
- Have a aptitude towards using play, metaphor, the arts, or sand tray, as well as talk therapy, given the developmental stages and unprocessed emotional experiences of young children referred to School based Counselling
- Must have a DBS and right to work/study in the UK
- Must demonstrate a professional and relational manner in role and in the environment of gaining hours within a school setting.
- Ideally have completed a Safeguarding module, or be receptive towards specific training from our School Safeguarding leads – includes adherence to risk policies and safeguarding protocols as shared by Supervisor (mandatory)
- Professional Membership: Requirement of student membership with a recognized body like the BACP, UKCP, or NCS.

What we can offer:

- An experienced, reflective and inclusive Clinical Lead working alongside you
- A passionate team of school professionals who respect and rely on the Counselling Offer and skills of its practioners
- Careful and sensible Trainee Caseload thinking – working with your experience level, or capacity to work with students (up to x 3 students is possible over time and with ongoing assessment and your interests
- Knowledge of working with a trainees requirement where possible: E.g Capacity to tape sessions for Viva, Case Study reflection etc.
- A BACP guided framework for managing Trainee Placements

How to Apply:

Please submit your CV and a brief Statement re your Clinical Interest to Stella Sookun at ssookun@manorfield.towerhamlets.sch.uk

We are particularly interested to hear about your experience of the training thus far, to include why you are interested in working with children and adolescents therapeutically. **Successful candidates will be invited to interview and meet the team.** Please only apply if you can be available on a **Tuesday primarily, or Wednesday** (hours tbc). We are excited to hear from you!