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Savera UK Volunteering Opportunities:

Would you like to be working in a specialist setting within Savera UK?

Who is Savera UK?

Savera UK is a registered charity, established in 2012, its aim is tackling domestic abuse and harmful practices within Black, Minority, Ethnic (BME) communities as well as challenging attitudes towards domestic abuse and harmful practices.

'Savera' meaning 'new beginning' in Hindi, a theme that is symbolic of the support the charity would provide to those women who are at risk of domestic abuse and harmful practices comprised of honour-based violence (HBV), female genital mutilation (FGM) and forced marriage.

Savera UK has now established its volunteer programme and is looking to provide opportunities for those interested in enriching their knowledge, skill and experiences in domestic abuse and harmful practices with BME communities.

Answers to some of your questions

Questions asked	
What would the role be?	<p>There are different roles within the Savera UK volunteering programme including Peer Support, Casework, Childcare, outreach and other opportunities that you may want to offer.</p> <p>Initial Volunteer induction to Savera UK and the different roles</p> <p>We will hold an initial information session to provide you with information about Savera UK as an organisation, the work it delivers and the differing opportunities of the volunteering programme within the organisation: you can attend this either before you apply or after you apply. This will give you the opportunity to find out and consider the opportunity and commitment.</p>
What is the time commitment?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attending an initial volunteer induction to be informed of all the information and the requirements for the different roles and volunteers.• For those who agree to become a volunteer with us: will require to attend the two evening training sessions.• Each role would have a different time commitment and this would be covered under each role.• Savera UK Volunteer Policy requires all volunteers to sign up to a period of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Six months to outreach and Peer support✓ 12 months to Casework and Childcare support
What support and opportunities would be on offer?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Induction and training programme around domestic abuse and harmful practice with BME communities and the wider issues of violence against women and girls• Working within a specialist service• Regular support and supervision• Travel expenses• Access to other relevant training provided within or outside Savera UK• Opportunities to develop new skills and knowledge• Make a difference in the community

The different volunteering opportunities within Savera UK:

Name of volunteering programme	Overview	Responsibilities	Role requirement
Outreach Volunteer:	The role of the Outreach Volunteer is about working and supporting the Savera UK team to promote the services in various areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending events in the community and services within Merseyside, Cheshire and other areas when required • Supporting staff, organise events, community sessions and workshops • Promoting Savera UK in the community and other relevant avenues • Supporting staff with their drop-ins and coffee mornings • Time commitment to two half days per week and would to be agreed between you and the Service Development Manager. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good social skills and communication to work with wider communities and professionals • Have an understanding of domestic abuse and harmful practices • Have an understanding of working within BME communities • Commitment to the cause of domestic abuse and harmful practices • Timekeeping and reliability • Good understanding of confidentiality • Require one reference • Requires a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check before starting the volunteering role.

Peer Support Volunteer:

The Role of the Peer Support Volunteer is about supporting Savera UK client in different ways and creating a positive outcome to the clients you're working with.

- Client support: (e.g. accompany them to an appointment)
 - Support them when finding their way around if new to the area
 - Support them with social isolation (introduce them to appropriate groups, go with them for coffee, cinema)
 - Basic admin tasks to support the team (to be agreed with you and the Services Development Manager)
 - Support staff with the weekly drop-in and coffee mornings
 - Other relevant area that would be suitable with the agreement of the Services Development Manager
 - Time commitment for this role is two half days per week and would be agreed between you and Services Development Manager
- Relevant experience in Peer Support
 - Have an understanding of domestic abuse and harmful practices
 - Have an understanding of working within BME communities
 - Good understanding of what is safeguarding
 - Commitment to the cause of domestic abuse and harmful practices
 - Timekeeping and reliability
 - Good understanding of confidentiality
 - Require two references
 - Requires a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check before starting the volunteering role.

Low level casework support:

Casework is one of the main support services of Savera UK and requires excellent skills, knowledge and experience to ensure our clients receive high standard support and guidance. The responsibilities for this role is to support Savera UK Community Support Workers with cases, which we consider as a low risk, and your support would be to conduct a face to face support to clients to ensure they are receiving all the support as well as support them to access wider services/groups.

- Providing low level 1-1 support
- Supporting clients to build their confidence and self-esteem
- Assist clients completing relevant forms (e.g. benefits, housing forms)
- Assist them with phone calls
- Advocate on their behalf where appropriate
- Accompany them to e.g. court, solicitors, GP or any relevant appointments)
- Keeping accurate records at all time
- Raise any concerns to both client Support Worker and Services Development Manager
- Good understanding of confidentiality
- Good use of I.T.
- Time commitment to two half days per week and would be agreed between you and
- Good and relevant experience in working as a caseworker
- Have an understanding of domestic abuse and harmful practices
- Have an understanding of working within BME communities
- Relevant qualifications
- Good understanding of what is safeguarding
- Experience of working with an interpreter
- Commitment to the cause of domestic abuse and harmful practices
- Timekeeping and reliability
- Good understanding of confidentiality
- Using the computer and IT skills
- Require two references
- Requires a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check before starting the volunteering role.

		Service Development Manager	
<p>Childcare Volunteer:</p>	<p>Many of the clients Savera UK support, have young children and due to their circumstances the children are always with them, which make it difficult for them to participate in activities and so neither the child or client have space and time for themselves.</p> <p>Savera UK is looking for a volunteer who has the relevant experience in working with children age 1-10 years old, to support our weekly drop-in and other activities that we provide to clients and their families. Having this support will give the opportunity for our clients to participate in activities as well as their children.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working and supervise children during the weekly drop-in • Co-ordinate, produce and oversee appropriate activities for the children • Providing individual support to the child/children while clients are being interviewed (only when appropriate and safe to do so and will always be approved by Service Development Manager) • Time commitment to 2 half days per week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant qualification and experience in working with children • Ability to support children with their emotions as appropriate • Have an understanding of domestic abuse and harmful practices • Have an understanding of working within BME communities • Relevant qualifications • Good understanding of what is safeguarding • Commitment to the cause of domestic abuse and harmful practices • Ability to work with interpreters • Timekeeping and reliability • Good understanding of confidentiality

- Using the computer and IT skills
- Require two references
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