

Paul Partnership: Traveller Health Programme Evaluation

Terms of Reference

Background:

In 2010 the HSE Traveller Health Unit, working with PAUL Partnership, City of Limerick VEC and Limerick Social Services Council, proposed running the Traveller Health Programme for members of the Traveller community. This aim of this programme was to train participants in peer led service provision. On completion of the programme, participants will be employed to provide health information and support in their own community.

In the summer of 2011, taster courses were offered to members of the Travelling community in Limerick City. Having completed the taster courses, participants were offered the opportunity to participate in a two year training programme to become Traveller Health Advocates or Assistant Traveller Health Advocates. Eighteen Traveller women took up a place on the course. Training began in September 2011 and will be completed at the end of June 2013.

Research Aims:

- To examine the overall experience of participants in the programme (overall satisfaction with the course, learning experience, interaction with course personnel/steering group, group structure etc.)
- To examine the content and presentation of the programme subjects (learning atmosphere, course content, interaction with tutors, learning methodologies etc.)
- To examine the employment readiness of the programme participants (participants are clear on how learning is linked to employment phase, participants are confident to take on the role of Traveller Health Advocate etc.)
- To examine the effectiveness of the structure of the programme, including the role of the steering group (the agreed terms of reference for the group were adhered to, the terms of reference were fit for purpose etc.)
- To identify learning from the project
- To develop key recommendations for taking the project to the Employment Phase

Methodology:

It is anticipated that the methodology employed for this piece will, in the main, be of a qualitative nature. An outline of the required steps is as follows:

- Review of relevant literature (national policy documents on Traveller Health Advocacy, TOR for the Steering Group, previous group evaluations etc.)
- Facilitated focus groups with the programme participants
- Meeting with the Steering Committee
- One to One contact with the tutors

Research and Evaluation:

The Researcher (s) should have:

- An understanding of the issue affecting the Traveller community
- An understanding of Interagency working and structures
- Experience of facilitating focus group
- Experience of disclosures of a confidential nature and protecting the confidentiality of the process
- A proven track record of developing and producing written evaluation reports

This research will be overseen by the THP Steering Committee and all data will rest in the ownership of the Steering Group.

Research Schedule:

This piece will begin in early June and will be completed within a 6 day timescale. Researcher (s) must be available on the 4th (afternoon) and the 11th of June (morning).

Research Budget:

The total budget for this evaluation is €2,500 inclusive of VAT, travel and all other expenses.

Deadline for applicants:

Please apply with CV and cover letter. Deadline for applications is the 24th of May 2013

Contact Details: Please send applications to John Buttery, PAUL Partnership, Tait Business Centre, Dominic St., Limerick. 061 419388/ jbuttery@paulpartnership.ie

Region:

Limerick

Expiry date:

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