**Invitation for expressions of interest**

**New Addington Recovery Model**

**Context**

The Croydon Recovery Model Working Group has agreed a plan to utilise funds made available from Transport for London (TfL) over 2019-2021 to support the medium and long term mitigation of the psycho-social impact of the tram incident in Sandilands on 9 November 2016.

The plan is a basis to develop community resilience through the provision of Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training for residents across New Addington. We will be offering a number of the following fully-funded courses:

* Mental Health First Aid 2 Day Adult – valued at £300.00 per delegate
* Mental Health First Aid 2 Day Youth – valued at £300.00 per delegate
* Mental Health First Aid Half Day Aware – valued at £125.00 per delegate

We will also be working with community and voluntary sector organisations to develop **local community based MHFA trainers.**  These trainers will continue providing training to members of the local community building local capacity and awareness for common mental health conditions. The MHFA trainers and training will link in to the locality work being developed within New Addington. MHFA training has been chosen as an established mental health training offer for organisations within the borough which will allow those trained to link into a wider network of trainers across Croydon.

This document is an invitation for individuals who would benefit from attending the above courses **and** for individuals who meet the criteria to apply to train to deliver these qualifications.

**About Mental Health First Aid**

MHFA was developed in Australia in 2001 and is now delivered in 25 countries worldwide. It is administered by MHFA England, a Community Interest Company (CIC). It is accredited by the Royal Society of Public Health.

The Croydon Recovery Model Working Group is offering the opportunity for persons working in the community and volunteer sector organisations in Fieldway and New Addington full funding to train as a Mental Health First Aid Instructor. In addition to funding the training, the cost of your required annual Continuing Professional Development and registration fees will be funded, as will the cost of all course materials required for the training courses that successful candidates will be delivering during the duration of the project.

**MHFA Instructor Training Requirements – (NUMBER?) places available**

Delegates are expected to have completed the MHFA 2 Day Adult Course within 3 years of commencing their Instructor Training. If you have not already trained, or if you trained more than 3 years ago, the MHFA 2 Day Adult course will be delivered to you by Croydon Council’s in-house MHFA Instructors ahead of your Instructor Training.

You can read more about the 2 Day Adult course [here](https://mhfaengland.org/individuals/adult/2-day/).

MHFA 7 days Instructor Training – delivered by MHFA England National Trainers over a 6 week period. The training is valued at £2,790.00 per delegate.

You must then deliver 2 x MHFA 2 Day Adult courses with another instructor to a quality assured standard before you can be signed off as a qualified instructor.

You can read the full details of the instructor training programme [here](https://mhfaengland.org/instructors/programme/), including the [essential and desirable criteria](https://mhfastorage.blob.core.windows.net/mhfastoragecontainer/cf3d9f7fb386e911a964000d3ab5a84e/instructor-training-essential-desireable-criteria.pdf?sv=2015-07-08&sr=b&sig=b%2BWClvm%2BAqcz%2BHmZpJ4bHPX%2Fv%2BL5CmPY%2BC4e7SltlLE%3D&se=2019-08-14T11%3A14%3A04Z&sp=r). Please read these carefully to ensure that you meet the relevant criteria before contacting us.

There will also be an opportunity to upskill to deliver the MHFA Half Day Aware programme. This course is valued at £236.08.

If you are employed you will need your employer to provide written permission that they will release you to fulfil the commitment required, both to undergo training and to deliver the required training during the duration of the project.

If you are self-employed or unemployed, the training will provide you with the opportunity for career development and income generation.

**Commitment**

In return for providing funding for this training, Croydon Council will require each instructor to deliver (NUMBER?) courses during the duration of the project (DATE?)

**How to Apply**

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