



Call for Expressions of Interest



Participation and the Practice of Rights (PPR) is seeking to commission a **Sessional Organiser** to work alongside [New Script for Mental Health](#) campaign organisers and activists.

The role is offered on a sub-contract basis @ circa 10 hours per week starting February/ March 2025. There is a maximum of £20 per hour available for a 6-month period.

Background

PPR is a Belfast based NGO with 14 members of staff that works to put human rights at the service of communities. Please visit www.nlb.ie

New Script for Mental Health is a grassroots mental health campaign that aims to fix the system, not the person, by collectively writing a New Script for Mental Health. Last year the New Script activists developed [Give 5: Steps to a Wellbeing Rights Framework](#)

Click [here](#) for further information on the New Script for Mental Health.

Scope of the project

We are seeking to commission a Sessional Organiser to work alongside New Script activists and organisers to develop Step 2 of the [Give 5: Steps to a Wellbeing Rights Framework](#) into a campaign.

Step 2- Be Active in challenging the over- prescription of drugs, respond to individual needs and provide different, community-based options for healing – like therapies, crisis houses and creative, peer led interventions.

The campaign will feed into the wider New Script campaign and will aim to:

- Reduce the systemic overprescription of drugs and demonstrate alternatives for healing.
- Focus on shifting people's understanding of distress from being an individual failing to one that recognises the social, economic, and political causes.
- Identify human rights violations and develop actions to address them.
- Build grassroots and political support for the campaign's objectives.

The 6-month piece of work will be located initially in the Upper Springfield area of West Belfast.

Over the 6-month period the Sessional Organiser will work alongside New Script organisers and activists in:

- Planning and developing the campaign, including its aims and objectives, content, and evaluation plan.

- Building participation in the campaign from amongst people living in the area who have firsthand experience of the issues Step 2 seeks to address.
- Developing and delivering awareness raising and educational opportunities, including workshops, in response to emerging campaign focus and calls to action.
- Ensure that the approach is trauma-informed and rights compliant in all aspects of its development and delivery.
- Raise awareness of and support for the campaign among key stakeholders, including primary care health services, CVS sector, elected representatives.
- Draw on models of best practice and published research to inform the campaign direction.
- Ensure compliance with PPR's safeguarding policies and procedures.
- Ensure high standards of data protection and anonymity for participants of the project at all times.

Guidelines for submitting an Expression of Interest

We invite suitably experienced individuals to **submit a CV along with a cover letter** outlining their interest and suitability to carry out the role of Sessional Organiser.

Please demonstrate that you have the following skills in your cover letter:

- Experience of facilitating participation of directly impacted people in campaigns, projects or initiatives.
- Excellent interpersonal skills with a background in mentoring and developing individuals and groups.
- Excellent organisational skills and ability to establish and maintain working relationships with a variety of stakeholders.
- Knowledge and experience of implementing a trauma-informed approach.
- Understanding and experience of safeguarding and applying safeguarding processes.

The role will require some home working and local travel to meetings and events as required. Some evening and weekend work may be required. While not essential, it is considered beneficial if the Sessional Organiser speaks Irish.

Expressions of Interest should be sent to:

Avril Dennison, Assistant Director- Operations by email to avril@pprproject.org **by 9am, Thursday 27th February 2025.**

For further information or clarification in relation to the above, please also e-mail avril@pprproject.org

PPR reserves the right to hold interviews as part of the appointments process if deemed necessary. Following appointment, a Service Level Agreement and plan of work will be agreed with New Script for Mental Health staff and PPR's management team.