

Peer Researcher -YPAR Review of service provision for early years (prenatal – 5 years) in Dublin's North East Inner City

Position Description:	
Job Title	Peer Research Assistant – Four posts
Employer	The Childhood Development Initiative (CDI)
Location of Post	Various locations across North East Inner City Dublin
Reporting Relationship	Reporting to Neil Haran, CDI's Co-Investigator on research to assess current and emerging unmet needs of prenatal – 5 years target group in Dublin's North East Inner City
Purpose of the Post	<p>The purpose of this role will be to assist the CDI research team in this research project, particularly in gathering the expressed views of parents/service users of children in the prenatal to five year old age group across the North East Inner City.</p> <p>CDI wants to collect the views of parents about services for children aged 0-5. The aim is to generate recommendations that help us to develop effective supports for children and parents in order to improve children's outcomes.</p>
Principal Duties and Responsibilities	<p>Peer Research Assistants will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend eight hours of training on how to undertake the role. - Coproduce the key questions which will help us explore parents' views on local service. - Conduct face-to-face interviews with parents on a one-to-one or small group basis. - Take a record of all discussions with parents. - Assist the analysis of the collected views.
Eligibility Criteria: Required Qualifications and experience	<p>Minimum Qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To have good English speaking, listening, and writing skills. <p>Required Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be a parent of a child/children who are or were recently aged under 5 years of age. We are keen to recruit research assistants that share common experiences with the parents who will be interviewed, but whose children are not currently attending the same services. - Ability to use Microsoft Word.
Other requirements specific to the post.	<p>The selected candidates will need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sign the CDI Code of Conduct. - Be Garda vetted. <p>CDI will provide support with all of this.</p>
Desired skills, competencies and/or knowledge.	The ideal candidates will have a strong commitment to improving supports for parents and children's outcomes, and will have the ability to engage parents in the research, by setting them at ease, and presenting with confidence.

	<p>Please note: it is not necessary that candidates have any previous experience of engaging in research</p> <p>Skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Able to set people at ease, make 'small talk', to help people feel comfortable. - Able to manage own workload. - Basic technical skills (completing word documents) - Reliable and good time keeper <p>Interpersonal Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ability to interact sensitively, ethically, and professionally with parents. - Ability to communicate clearly. - Able to work well in a team.
How to apply	<p>If you know someone who meets these criteria and who is interested in becoming a CDI Peer Researcher, they can apply by completing the Application Form and submit to CDI by Monday 1st November.</p> <p>People can find the form CDI_20211012_YPAR_PeerResearcherApplicationForm_Draft 1.docx</p> <p>Or email us on info@cdi.ie and we will send you the application form.</p>
Contract	The contract of employment is to the end of December 2021.
Remuneration	<p>The salary will be 15 euros per hour. The total amount of hours each research assistant is expected to work is 37.5 hours, inclusive of training.</p> <p>Training time will be paid.</p>
What we offer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participation Certificate. - Career development support, including involvement in writing academic papers.
Equal opportunities	<p>CDI is committed to providing equal opportunities to all its employees and applicants for employment. As an employer, the CDI is committed to ensuring gender equality and to preventing discrimination on any grounds. Specifically, the Research Project aims to achieve a balanced representation of men and women.</p>