



### International Association for Counselling (IAC)

## **Volunteer Role Description:**

# **IAC Volunteer Coordination -- Team Leader**

Each IAC Work Area (e.g. Continuing Education, Membership, Advocacy, Fundraising, Research etc.) has a Team of Volunteers made up of a <u>Team Leader</u>, <u>Team Coordinators</u> and Team Volunteers.



### IAC Volunteer Coordination – Team Leader

Role Title:	IAC Volunteer Coordination Team Leader
Responsible to:	IAC Officers Group (Part of the Executive Council)
Term	An initial commitment of two years is sought.
Role Summary	To lead and manage a team of volunteers so as to deliver the stated IAC objectives in the guiding strategy document for Volunteering – The IAC Volunteer Policy. The role centres on the overall coordination of the recruitment and management of volunteers at IAC
Duties include:	<ul> <li>Duties will be agreed prior to placement but are likely to include many of the following:</li> <li>Takes overall responsibility for the work area and the delivery of the related organisational aims.</li> <li>Provides encouragement to team members, including communicating team goals and identifying areas for new training or skill checks.</li> <li>Works closely with, and delegates tasks to, the Team Coordinator(s) who support the Team leader.</li> </ul>

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Skills and Qualifications:	<ul> <li>Conducts regular team meetings to update members on best practices and continuing expectations.</li> <li>Ensures brief records of meetings (i.e. records of discussion and action items) are kept.</li> <li>Sourcing and recruiting volunteers for vacant IAC roles.</li> <li>Assist in the creation and development of volunteer management systems at IAC.</li> <li>Assisting in the induction of new volunteers.</li> <li>Communicate with volunteers to gauge satisfaction and progress.</li> <li>Keeping records of volunteers' information and assignments.</li> <li>Arrange for appropriate training where needed.</li> <li>To liaise with IAC Committee Chairpersons, IAC Roundtable Chairpersons, and others about volunteer requirements and activity.</li> <li>Must be aged over 18</li> <li>Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.</li> <li>Team Leadership Experience</li> <li>Knowledge of IAC work, and plans</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Excellent people skills.</li> <li>Experience of Volunteer co-ordination.</li> <li>Ability to work on own initiative and as part of a team.</li> <li>Willingness to learn new skills.</li> </ul>
Meetings	<ul> <li>Approximately eight, 1.5 hour project meetings per year.</li> <li>Approximately six, 1.5hour volunteering meetings per year.</li> <li>*All meetings are conducted virtually</li> </ul>
Time Commitment:	Approximately 1.5 hours per week on main tasks.
	Additional officer group meetings - one every two months.
Personal Attributes	It is essential that volunteers have the following
	attributes/skills:
	Respectful, sensitive and empathetic to all people respectfuless of their pationality, again gondon, sexual
	regardless of their nationality, age, gender, sexual
	<ul><li>orientation, disability, ethnic origin, culture or faith.</li><li>Willingness to participate in appropriate training and</li></ul>
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	<ul> <li>Understand the importance of confidentiality &amp;</li> </ul>
	observing policies and procedures.
	<ul> <li>Able to work both independently and as part of a team</li> </ul>
	Reliable and punctual.
Support and Training	Training will be provided as required. This will include an online
	induction and demonstration of the tasks. Team Leaders will be
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	supported by the Officer Group, the CEO and the IAC volunteer
	coordinators.
Volunteering Location	All volunteers work 'virtually' i.e. from their own country and
	computing base (e.g. home computer/personal device).
Benefits to the Team Leader	<ul> <li>Fulfillment – knowing that the support you provide will make a real difference to progressing IAC aims and making counselling available worldwide.</li> <li>Enhance your CV: Having experience as a volunteer can show a potential employer your enthusiasm and the skills that you have outside of your academic learning.</li> <li>Training – learning new skills that can be added to your CV, gaining up-to-date knowledge of counselling issues.</li> <li>Experience – meeting new people in different situations</li> </ul>
	from around the world, building new networks, forming
	friendships with other IAC volunteers.
Confidentiality and	IAC volunteers are subject all IAC policies including the IAC
Conflict of Interest	Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest policies.

#### If you have any questions please email: iacvolunteercoordination@gmail.com

IAC Organisation	The IAC Vision is "A world where counselling is available to all".
Overview:	IAC is an international non-governmental association with
	charitable status. IAC advances the development of counselling,
	in order to improve people's lives and well-being. We connect
	counsellors worldwide so that they can share information and
	participate in international Practice, Education, Advocacy, Policy
	and Research counselling projects.

#### **Recruitment Process -- Next steps:**

- 1. Please fill out the online volunteer application form at the top of the <u>IAC</u> <u>Volunteering Page \*\*Click HERE\*\*.</u>
- 2. An online interview will then be arranged
- 3. References will be checked (Referees will not be contacted without your consent).
- 4. Pre-placement induction/training attended
- 5. Start placement!



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N. Kelly, November 2020

