

Job Description

ROLE:	Shed Development Officer
SALARY:	c £28,000 per annum dependent on experience.
HOURS:	Full time, 35 per week – currently funded to 31 st March 2025
LOCATION:	Home working, with travel required and occasional overnight stays
ANNUAL LEAVE:	25 days plus bank holidays
CLOSING DATE:	23 rd April, 2024 (<i>however we will be actively interviewing</i>)
INTERVIEW DATE:	1 st May (East Mids) and 2 nd May (North), 2024

MEN'S SHEDS & UK MEN'S SHEDS ASSOCIATION

The United Kingdom Men's Sheds Association (UKMSA) exists to help Men (and Women) to be healthy and happy through inspiring, growing, and enabling Shed Communities across the United Kingdom.

The Shed movement is growing and this is an exciting time to join UKMSA as we work to support and promote Sheds for the improvement of health and wellbeing, adding years to life and life to years.

Thanks to support from The Department of Health and Social Care's National Suicide Prevention Fund for England we are seeking two full time Shed Development Officers to support the creation of new Men's Sheds across the North of England and the East Midlands.

There are several areas across the UK where the concentration of Sheds are relatively low; we are seeking a rapid growth in the number of Sheds in these areas which will have a direct impact on reducing suicide, loneliness and improving wellbeing. The project runs until April 2025. Men's Sheds create community connection, increased social contact and the sharing of skills. This role will see you primarily engaging with communities to help others develop new Sheds in a way we know to be effective.

You will be responsible for delivering information about the concept of Men's Sheds, their positive impact to members and the community and the history of the Shed Movement to local groups and individuals in order to build relationships, establish interest, form Shed Steering Groups and initiate the development of new Sheds across your designated geography.

You will map current community assets in your area and support the development of Sheds within existing groups and organisations that are seeking to expand their offer, reaching more underserved people in their community.

You will inform, signpost and guide groups through the process of starting a Shed, utilising current resources and working with existing UKMSA staff, volunteers and other Sheds where practical.

These Shed Development Officer roles are critical to our growth and development across these underserved areas of the UK, and will see the UKMSA move towards our Mission of a Shed for every person that wishes to access one.

This is a home-based role with frequent travel across the designated area and may require occasional overnight stays and some national meetings.

If you are interested in joining us then please visit <https://menssheds.org.uk/about/work-with-us/> and send your cv with a covering letter detailing your suitability for the role(s) to vacancies@ukmsa.org.uk

Please apply as soon as possible as we will be arranging to meet potential candidates at the earliest opportunity.

PURPOSE

The development and growth of Men's Sheds is made possible through a network of volunteers and partnerships across the UK. These roles will develop new Sheds across the East Midlands and North of England., coordinate and manage partnerships with other organisations and charities to support the growth and development of the movement. This role has the focus to support the growth of new and development of new Men's Sheds, enhancing our reach and the reach of Sheds. Our partnerships underpin the development programmes for the charity.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Actively engage with local communities to promote the Shed Movement.
- Initiate and support others in the delivery of multiple new Sheds.
- Initiate and support the formation of local groups that are interested in developing into Sheds.
- Work with other community stakeholders such as third sector groups, the NHS, local authorities and community groups that would like to develop their own Men's Sheds.
- Initiate and develop strong working relationships with relevant stakeholders across communities that can support the development of new Sheds.
- Identify key locations and support the development of Sheds within marginalised communities, together with the creation of resources tailored to different communities in each geography that can be used as future resources.
- Support the UKMSA's Health and Wellbeing work, including reaching targeted goals to increase suicide awareness training to Sheds already within the target geography and new Sheds.
- Identify any competent members of the Shed community that may wish to volunteer for the UKMSA.
- Attend regular team meetings and update on targeted development work.
- Support the development of insight across your region including the acquisition of case studies.

Essential Skills/Experience

- Initiative to quickly develop and manage multiple project streams, at different stages of completion.
- Experience of community development work or working with volunteer led groups within the charity sector.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to work across different sectors to build effective relationships with a variety of stakeholders.
- Excellent organisational skills with proven experience working across multiple tasks/projects to deadlines.
- The ability to inspire and empower others to achieve their aims.
- An understanding of gendered health inequalities and the challenges faced by men in regards to suicide and accessing mental and physical health support.
- The ability to maintain and update records.
- Self-motivated to work from home/remotely.
- Own vehicle and a valid driving license for frequent travel across your working area.

Desirable Skills/Experience

- Knowledge and understanding of the Men's Shed Movement.
- Experience in gathering case studies to demonstrate impact.
- Experience working or volunteering with marginalised groups or communities.

Equality, diversity, and equal opportunities

UKMSA is fully committed to and promotes equality and diversity in all aspects of the organisation and its work. As part of their employment, all staff are expected to understand, comply with and promote the UKMSA's Equal Opportunities policy.

Eligibility

Proof of eligibility to work in the UK is required.

