

Job Description

ROLE:	Shed Development Officer – Greater London
SALARY:	c. £30,000 per annum (London weighting), dependent on experience
HOURS:	Full time, 37.5 per week
LOCATION:	Home working within Greater London, with travel required and occasional overnight stays
ANNUAL LEAVE:	25 days plus bank holidays
CLOSING DATE:	Monday 2 nd December
INTERVIEW DATE:	Thursday 12 th December, Friday 13 th December

MEN'S SHEDS & UK MEN'S SHEDS ASSOCIATION

The UK Men's Sheds Association (UKMSA) exists to help people 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.

Supported by City Bridge Foundation, the funding arm of The City of London Corporation's charity, Bridge House Estates (1035628), we are seeking a full time Shed Development Officer to support the creation of new Men's Sheds across London. We anticipate that this project will run for 5 years.

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, one of the largest is in London, which will have a significant and direct impact on reducing suicide, loneliness and improving wellbeing in the capital. Men's Sheds create community connection, increased social contact and the sharing of skills. This role will see you primarily engaging with targeted 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 and the history of the Shed Movement to members of the community, local groups and individuals in order to build relationships, establish interest, form Shed Steering Groups and initiate the development of new Sheds across London, with a particular focus on underrepresented communities.

You will map current community assets 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.

This Shed Development Officer role is critical to our growth and development across underserved areas in London 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 area. It 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 C.V. 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. This role will develop new Sheds across London, coordinate and manage partnerships with other organisations and charities to support the growth and development of the movement. This role is focused on supporting the growth and development of new Men's Sheds, while ensuring existing Sheds thrive, 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 London 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 the 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. This role may require a DBS check.