

YOUTH PEER WORKER - HEADSPACE



- Join a leader in youth mental health and be part of a supportive team
- Purposeful work, making a real difference to young people
- Highly regarded supervision and training programs
- Part-time (0.5 FTE), 12 months fixed term contract with opportunities for further employment
- Access to generous NFP salary packaging and flexible work/life balance arrangements

****insert video – work for us****

<iframe width="560" height="315" src="https://www.youtube.com/embed/d20dKyETTrU" frameborder="0" allow="accelerometer; autoplay; clipboard-write; encrypted-media; gyroscope; picture-in-picture" allowfullscreen></iframe>

The Opportunity

The Youth Peer Worker is a committed, passionate young person who has a personal and lived experience with mental ill health challenges. The Youth Peer Worker will work within the team at one of the five headspace centres operated by Orygen (Craigieburn, Glenroy, Melton, Sunshine or Werribee).

This role is designed to identify and re-engage headspace consumers who have engaged with headspace services but since the introduction of COVID-19 restrictions in March 2020, have disengaged, or are at risk of disengaging due to limited access to in person services.

If you have a passion for the field of youth mental health and want to make a real difference to the lives of young people and their families and carers and share Orygen's values of respect, accountability, teamwork, excellence and innovation, then we would love you to apply for the Youth Peer Worker – headspace role!

About Orygen

The why behind what we do is important. We believe that all young people deserve to grow into adulthood with optimal mental health. Everything we do is focused on this outcome. Orygen is leading and redefining what's possible in global research, policy, education and clinical care. Find out more on our [website](#).

The role & your impact

The Youth Peer Worker – headspace will:

- Coordinate, deliver, review and further develop headspace programs and initiatives aimed at educating and engaging young people back into headspace care.
- Work with young people in a non-clinical way that values the shared experiences of a peer and supports the young person to appropriately engage with headspace.
- Facilitate or co-facilitate programs within the headspace centre for young people.
- Work with the headspace team on projects and initiatives related to this role.
- Promote the headspace program, communicate regularly with, build and maintain collaborative working relationships with health and welfare agencies and the general community.

Benefits

Depending on your skills and experience, a salary of \$56,000 - \$62,000 p.a. (pro rata) is offered plus superannuation, access to generous NFP salary packaging, flexible work/life balance benefits, supportive team, highly regarded supervision programs and development opportunities, purposeful work that makes a real difference to lives of young people and their families and carers and career opportunities within an organisation that is the leader in youth mental health.

About you

The following key selection criteria must be met for consideration for this position:

- Aged between 18 and 24 years.
- Personal lived experience of mental ill health challenges with any of the following: mental health, physical health, alcohol and other drug and/or work and study.
- Passion, energy and determination to make a difference to health outcomes for young people.
- Experience or knowledge of peer work/youth participation principles/frameworks.
- Capacity to problem solve effectively, engage and work creatively with young people.

To view the FULL selection criteria and learn more about this opportunity, please go to www.orygen.org.au/About/Work-with-Us to view the Position Description or contact Rita Moses, Senior Access Team Clinician, on rita.moses@orygen.org.au for a confidential discussion.

Apply:

Please refer to the position description and submit your resume and cover letter to careers@orygen.org.au, using the subject line 'Youth Peer Worker – headspace' followed by your 'full name'.

Closing date: Monday 1 March 2021.

You are encouraged to submit your application as soon as possible. Orygen may close the advertisement before the closing date.

Orygen is dedicated to gender equality, diversity and inclusivity. We strive to continue to build a culturally safe workplace where our values underpin the way we work and our strategic commitment to partner with First Nations people of Australia, young people and their families, LGBTIQ+ people and CALD people. We strongly encourage applications from the First Nations people.