



edinburgh rape crisis centre
supporting survivors of sexual violence

Volunteer Counsellors Needed

Established in 1978, Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre (ERCC) provides a support, information and advocacy service for women, young people and members of the transgender community aged 12 and over in Edinburgh, East and Midlothian who have experienced recent and/or historic sexual violence, including rape, sexual assault, childhood sexual abuse and commercial sexual exploitation.

We are recruiting for 7 Volunteer Trainee Counsellors to join our team.

What is the role: Volunteer Counsellors / 2nd Counselling Placement Opportunity.

Who is the role for: Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre (ERCC)

When does the volunteering take place: We are particularly looking for volunteer trainee counsellors who are available for at least 3.5 hours per week, plus monthly organisational supervision, with a commitment of 1 year.

Where does the volunteering take place: Our volunteer counselling vacancies are with ERCC's Edinburgh service, located at 17 Claremont Crescent, Edinburgh, EH7 4HX.

What does the role involve: ERCC's counselling service is under huge demand, so we're looking for 2nd placement, trainee counsellors to enable us to support more survivors of sexual violence. If you are interested in supporting survivors of sexual violence, developing your counselling skills/experience, and joining a diverse group of supportive women then ERCC would love to hear from you.

We ask you to see 3 survivors per week and make a commitment of at least 12 months to the service, upon completion of the initial training you will receive from ERCC. Monthly (non-clinical) supervision and, in-depth training in working with survivors of sexual violence, as well as many additional training opportunities are provided by us.

We will provide you with an initial training (approx. 1 day per week over 7 weeks), induction and on-going support and supervision in working with survivors of sexual violence and trauma.

Experience required: To apply, you must be successfully progressing towards the **second year** and **second placement**, of a **counselling diploma** programme leading to a professionally

recognised qualification in counselling. This means 40 hours of counselling practice should be successfully completed in another setting, by May 2022.

The core training of volunteer counsellors will commence in March 2022

Counselling practice will commence after training and induction - May 2022 approx.

We are looking for people who are empathetic, emotionally robust, open-minded, and good team players.

Additional information:

Please note only women need apply for the above volunteer roles under Schedule 9, Part 1 of the Equality Act 2010.

Due to the nature of this role, references and a PVG check are required and there is an application process involving an interview.

How to apply:

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer counsellor, please email privacy@ercc.scot

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The **closing date** for the current round of applications is 9am **4th February 2022** .

Interviews are to be held on 1st and 8th March