

Invitation to Tender

Calabash Project External Evaluation

Commissioning Organisation: George House Trust

Project Duration: June 2021- May 2022

Contract Term: June 2021 – May 2022

Contract Value: £1800

Contract Type: Self-employed contractor, engaged on a 'contract for services basis

Location: Greater Manchester

Evaluation Overview

George House Trust wishes to work with an external evaluator to analyse our Calabash Project.

The evaluation should:

- Evidence the direct and indirect benefits of the Calabash project for African Men living with HIV.
- Inform future service provision within George House Trust
- Strengthen George House Trust's chances of securing future funding as well as attracting new partners

About the Project

Calabash is an initiative designed to increase engagement with African men living with HIV with George House Trust services.

Through the provision of monthly informal peer support groups, alongside one to one support, the project aims are to:

- Increase engagement of African men living with HIV with George House Trust services.
- Support African men to live confidently with HIV
- Support African men living with HIV to create new relationships and peer networks
- Share learning and experiences to influence decision-makers.
- Engage African men living with HIV with volunteering opportunities at George House Trust, including the 'Positively Speaking' project and wider awareness-raising opportunities

Envisaged outcomes from the project are that African men living with HIV will report:

- Improved health and wellbeing
- Reduced feelings of social isolation and increased social connectivity
- Increased confidence to manage HIV well
- Increased confidence and ability to talk about HIV.
- Increased involvement in volunteer activities.

As a minimum, we expect the successful candidate to meet the following deliverables:

- Establish a robust evaluation framework by August 2021
- Six-month project review by end of December 2021
- Overall evaluation and end of project report by May 2022

The successful candidate will also be required to attend Project Advisory Group meetings at George House Trust. These will be quarterly and will commence in June.

We expect the evaluator to share findings with the African Men's Engagement Worker and Services Director and to keep them abreast of any developments.

We are ideally looking for an evaluator with some experience of working with African men.

For each stage of the evaluation, we would expect as a minimum:

- Analysis of project outcomes data
- Use of other relevant creative approaches to gathering feedback with project beneficiaries
- The delivery of focus groups and one-to-one interviews with the following groups:
 - Service Users
 - George House Trust staff
 - Activity facilitators and speakers
 - External partners

Submission Outline

Email a submission of no more than 2 sides of A4 (excluding any examples of past work) to jeff@ght.org.uk

Tell us about:

- Your interest in this particular piece of work
- Your track records
- How you propose to meet this brief
- Your proposed processes and methodology for information gathering and analysis
- Who you would involve and how you would ensure high stakeholder engagement
- Any other relevant information

Please enclose examples of past work as well as the names of two referees. These should be current or recent clients for whom similar evaluations were carried out.

Key Dates

Deadline for submissions 30th June 2021

Interviews for shortlisted candidates 9th July 2021

Contact Details

If you would like additional information or have any questions, please contact Jeff Ukiri, African Men's Engagement Worker jeff@ght.org.uk or call 0161 274 4499

Data Protection

Please note that you will be expected to work within George House Trust's Policies, including our Data Protection Policy and Confidentiality Policy. George House Trust will own any data you collect as part of this evaluation work.

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