►Inspiring Change Manchester

GM-THINK Steering Group Co-Chair

Timeframe: September 2020 – June 2022

Pay: A day rate of £100 to cover 30 days (Total £3,000)

About the role

People facing multiple disadvantage, including homelessness, mental health issues or substance addiction, often have to navigate lots of different services at the same time, meaning they are having to re-tell their stories to help get access to support.

Inspiring Change Manchester, a project led by Shelter, have been working with partner agencies across the city to help solve this by creating a database, GM-THINK, to help share information on individuals across organisations in a safe and timely way. GM-THINK has been designed to help reduce the times that people have to re-tell their story and will enable services to work together, removing barriers to accessing support

[www.inspiringchangemanchester.shelter.org.uk/gm-think](http://www.inspiringchangemanchester.shelter.org.uk/gm-think)

To help ensure that the voice of people with lived experience plays a key role in this we are looking for someone on a freelance basis to chair our GM-Think Steering Group meetings and push forward this work

The role of the chair will

* Co-chair the meetings, helping the group to work together to develop solutions to common challenges
* Push forward the voice of lived experience in further developments of the system
* Help develop a GM-THINK User Group – to bring together practitioners across services to share information
* Liaise with partners and allies to promote the use of information to build better outcomes for people facing multiple disadvantage

The GM-THINK Co-chair role will run from September 2020 to June 2022. The role will cover 30 days across the 2 years. The day rate for this will be £100.

The days will cover:

* 5 days induction through the Inspiring Change Manchester project
* 10 days to attend the GM-THINK Steering Group and User Group
* 15 days GM-THINK Development Work – including helping to promote and develop the system across the city.

Main tasks of the role

* Co-Chair the Steering Group, which will meet 4 times per year
* Ensure that meetings are run in an open and inclusive way – enabling people’s views to be heard
* Hold votes within the meeting where differences of opinion cannot be resolved
* Support the GM-THINK Development Officer to help create a GM-THINK User Group
* Liaise with the GM-THINK Development Officer and the providers of GM-THINK at least 3 times per year to discuss developments to the system
* Liaise with and work with partner agencies to help support the development of information sharing across the city

Attributes and Experience we are looking for

To help make the role of the GM-THINK co-chair a success we are looking for the following attributes and experience:

* Personal experience of accessing homelessness, mental health or substance/addiction services
* Some knowledge of using people’s information in an ethical way
* An understanding of how services may share information on an individual
* Experience of facilitating or chairing groups
* Comfortable and happy to work in a group environment with professionals from different backgrounds
* Passionate about improving experiences for people facing homelessness, mental health issues and substance addiction

To be successful in the role you will also receive support from the ICM Programme Team and will work with the GM-THINK Co-Chair to help set-out meetings

To apply

If you feel you have the right attributes and experience for this role then please get in touch by filling out the expression of interest form (see attached).

Deadline for this is Monday 24th August. We can then arrange an information session where we can meet with you to discuss in further detail