



## SUPPORT WORKER BRIEF

£80/ session for 3 hours/week - Fixed term contract

Northern Heartlands is looking for a freelance Support Worker for weekly creative sessions in Bishop Auckland as part of our mental health and wellbeing strand of work. This is an extension of our social prescribing programme, “NOW”, part of Thriving Communities (National Academy for Social Prescribing).

This new six-month project (June – November 2022) is funded by Believe Housing. The role will involve supporting a specialist activity leader/artist at each session to deliver a varied range of creative activities. The project will start in June for 25 weeks with one 3-hour session every Thursday at the Four Clocks centre in Bishop Auckland.

Inclusive fee: £80/session

We are looking for someone:

- Who is friendly and welcoming
- Who has experience of working with vulnerable adults
- Who has undertaken Mental Health First Aid training
- Who has an Enhanced DBS (within 3 years)
- Who will be diligent in collecting participant data and feedback and helping and encouraging participants to complete feedback forms
- Who is organised and will manage the workspace (e.g., keep it tidy, prepare drinks, liaise with the Four Clocks team)
- Who can work effectively with multiple partners, e.g., Social Prescribing Link Workers, creative practitioners, participants, Believe Housing staff, Northern Heartlands staff

Please submit your application including a covering letter explaining why you think you would be suitable for the role and a current CV

by **midday, Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022** to

[info@northernheartlands.org](mailto:info@northernheartlands.org) with ‘Support Worker’ in the subject line

### **About Northern Heartlands:**

We are a Charity working across south and west County Durham with communities based in the deeply rural Durham Dales and some of the more deprived, post-industrial communities of the former Durham coalfield area. We believe in the power of creativity to bring about change – both for individuals and for whole communities. Our project- based activity usually involves a mix of creative participatory workshops and arts events and performances; over the past year we have developed a strong programme of activity with a mental health and wellbeing focus.

We also work strategically, hoping to influence non-arts sector organisations, and have developed partnerships with organisations as diverse as the Town & Country Planning Association, the North Pennines AONB Partnership, Tees, Esk & Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust as well as local community organisations, parish councils and the local authority. Our funders include Arts Council England, The National Lottery Heritage Fund, County Durham Community Foundation, and the Paul Hamlyn Foundation. We are actively supporting Durham’s bid for UK City of Culture 2025