

# Opportunity for a person with lived experience of mental illness to gain paid experience as a researcher/ evaluator

## Overview:

[Jo Farmer](#) and [Impact Co.](#) are looking to engage a person with lived experience (as a consumer or carer) to be part of our project team as a Project Consultant to evaluate the co-design process of the Lived Experience Residential Service that was recommended by the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System. See [Recommendation #5 of the Royal Commission's interim report here](#) for more details about the Lived Experience Residential Service.

The Project Team will be led by Jo Farmer, an experienced consultant with a lived experience of mental illness. This is a great opportunity for someone who is keen to build their capabilities in consulting, research and evaluation! The skills that will be gained include (but is not limited to):

- Evaluation design (in particular designing outcome framework and data gathering activities)
- Conducting data gathering consultation activities such as interviews and focus groups
- Project management
- Reporting writing

## About the role:

*Title:* Project Consultant

*Scope:* The exact scope of the role will be tailored to the experience and capability of the individual to maximise their contributions to and learning opportunities on the project. Broadly speaking however, it is expected that this person will contribute the following activities:

- Participate in key internal and external project meetings
- Support with designing data gathering activities (e.g. surveys, focus groups and interviews)
- Participate in relevant data gathering activities
- Contribute to the development of key reports throughout the project

*Timeframes:* The project is expected to last for 12 months from commencement, which is anticipated to be around July 2022.

*Salary:* The role will be a casual role and will be compensated at \$100 (excluding super) per hour. Approximately 150 hours will be needed over the 12 month period (noting that whilst there is some flexibility with the hours, there is a set budget that has been allocated to the role). We are also open to agreeing on a fixed fee consulting arrangement with ABN-holders.

## What we are looking for

We see this as an opportunity to build someone's capabilities in consulting, research and evaluation. As such, no prior experience in those areas are required. What we are looking for is a person with lived experience of mental illness who is:

- Engaged in the Victorian mental health sector and passionate about making a positive difference to it
- Has good written and verbal communication skills
- Has the ability to work effectively both autonomously and within a team

If you are interested...

Please send through a brief background about yourself and why this is something that is of interest to you to [ming.low@impactco.com.au](mailto:ming.low@impactco.com.au) by **15 July 2022**.