
Psychosocial Field Placement

Role: Psychosocial Intern

Reporting to: Head of Psychosocial Services

Work hours: Part-time, flexible arrangements are available

Location: various

Position summary

We are recruiting for a psychosocial intern to join our team at Justice Centre. Applicants will be currently studying, or have recently completed, a Masters level (or above) qualification in Psychology, Counselling, Social Work or a related field that leads to an accreditation by a national body.

The internship involves both clinical therapy and social case work, which will furnish interns with hands-on experience and training in working with individuals who have experienced the trauma of torture and /or persecution, trafficking or forced labour. You will work as part of a team to support clients through the process of making a protection claim and the on-going difficulties of navigating and adjusting to life as a protection claimant, through provision of therapeutic counselling and social work. Training and close clinical supervision will be provided in-house by qualified and experienced senior staff.

Further professional development will be offered in the area of trauma informed care and wider treatment approaches that relate to the refugee and asylum seeker population.

Learning opportunities offered on the JCHK internship program:

- comprehensive training on trauma, trauma-informed care, specific interventions for trauma
- in-depth training on specific issues faced by client population e.g. FGM, SGBV
- shadowing clinicians in individual and group counselling
- opportunity to conduct mental health status and psychological needs assessments (under close supervision)
- opportunity to deliver therapeutic interventions in group/individual case setting
- clinical supervision (1 hour supervision per 4 hours direct contact)
- opportunity to participate in team meetings, case conferences

- opportunity to make referrals to, liaise with, and attend meetings with partner NGOs and social care services

Who we are

Justice Centre Hong Kong is a non-profit, human-rights organisation working to protect the rights of Hong Kong's most vulnerable forced migrants - refugees, survivors of torture, survivors of human trafficking and forced labour.

Launched in March 2014, Justice Centre Hong Kong was formerly Hong Kong Refugee Advice Centre, which over a period of seven years, has helped more than 2,000 refugee men, women, and children on the road to a new life. For more information about Justice Centre, please visit www.justicecentre.org.hk

Responsibilities

- Provide psychological counselling support to our clients.
- Provide casework support as according to the social welfare needs of the client.
- Provide detailed treatment plans and case notes on your sessions with the clients.
- Attend 1 hour of in-house clinical supervision session per 4 hours of direct client contact hours.
- Attend all relevant training as determined by the Head of Psychosocial Services

Essential

- Currently studying, or recently completed, a Masters level (or above) qualification in Psychology, Counselling, Social Work or related field that leads to an accreditation by a national body.
- Demonstrable excellent organizational and communication skills;
- Cordiality, diplomacy and patience;
- Willingness to learn and develop new skills;
- Multicultural sensitivity and ability to work with people from different cultural backgrounds and across varying language barriers;
- Ability to work independently whilst being a good team-player;
- Fluency in verbal and written English;
- Legal right to work in Hong Kong.

Desirable

- Fluency in languages such as French, Arabic, Somali, Urdu, Sinhala, or Bangla are considerable asset.
- Experience working with vulnerable people in a professional setting

Salary and Benefits

- This is a voluntary role.
- An opportunity to gain experience of client facing work under close supervision from our expert team of refugee lawyers and Psychosocial and Child Psychological Therapy teams; the chance to learn more about refugees in Hong Kong, attend high level psychosocial and legal trainings and to contribute to rewarding human rights work.

Please e-mail your CV and statement of interest to jobs@justicecentre.org.hk with the subject line 'Psychosocial Services Internship' by midnight on 30 March 2018.

Unfortunately, due to the high level of interest in our organisation, we are only able to reply to shortlisted applicants.