

K+C Foundation Mental Health Fund Grants Panel Job Description

Who are the K+C Foundation?

People think of Kensington and Chelsea as a place where the richest people live, but it also has areas of severe deprivation and significant inequalities in income, health, employment levels and educational outcomes. The K+C Foundation is an independent charity which was set up in 2008 by a local resident to address these issues and create opportunities for people in Kensington + Chelsea. We do this by raising money from local people and businesses to support impactful community projects run by charities in our borough.

What is the Mental Health grant panel and what are the aims of the fund?

We are looking to recruit up to 10 RBKC residents aged over 18 who will decide how funding will be allocated to organisations and projects working towards **the fund's overall aims**, which are:

To improve the mental health of residents, helping, amongst others, those:

- with enduring or severe mental health issues
- at risk of mental health crises
- with anxiety and depression
- who are isolated or lonely

Your role will be to bring your lived experience to help set the specific criteria for the fund, assess the funding applications and then recommend which projects should be given funding.

Who can apply?

We're looking for people to join our community panel who:

- Are residents* of Kensington and Chelsea aged over 18
- Have the desire and enthusiasm for change in their community
- Are willing to work as part of a team to share ideas and reach a common goal
- Can commit to participating in the whole programme (details of time commitment below)
- Have lived or relevant experience of the aims of the mental health fund

We're hoping to recruit a panel with diverse experiences of the borough and will support people with different access needs to be part of this inclusive group. We particularly welcome applications of people from communities and groups that are underrepresented in decision making. These include disabled people, care leavers, those who identify as LGBTQI+ people, under 25s and people from the global majority.

You might be very familiar with local charities, or never had any contact with them - we'd love to hear from you in either case.

*We welcome applications from people who do not currently have a fixed address in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, but are living in the borough or consider the borough to be their home.

What will I need to do?

No previous experience is necessary - we don't expect you to have done anything like this before. Together with other panel members you will be responsible for helping to design the application process for charities who want to apply for funding, reviewing the applications, and ultimately deciding which charities should receive funding. All training will be provided and the K+C Foundation team will be there to support you every step of the way.

You will need to be available to attend around 4 days' worth of in person meetings. The first meetings will take place during September with further sessions in November, as far as possible we will arrange them to suit the panel's availability. The venue will also be selected once we know the needs of the group.

Will I be paid?

Yes, you will be paid £20 per hour for your time, up to a maximum of 30 hours. We will also cover any travel expenses attending meetings.

If you need additional support around reading, we can also offer support or find alternative ways for you to engage with the content. We want to be as inclusive as possible, and so will consider paying additional expenses that you would need in order to take part.

How do I apply?

If you are interested in becoming a panel member, please fill in this [short online form](#) by 5pm 22nd July. If you can't access the form online, either email us at grants@thekandcfoundation.com or message/WhatsApp us on 07483 340219. If you need additional support with filling in the form or applying please let us know.

We will then invite you for an informal chat and hope to agree the panel by mid-August.

How do I get in touch?

If you have any questions at all, or would like to speak to us before applying, please email our Grant Managers, Jon and Anna, at grants@thekandcfoundation.com. or contact us on 07483 340219

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