EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE SHOULD HAVE SOMEONE 
TO TURN TO IN SUPPORT OF THEIR MENTAL HEALTH

Position: Trustee
Term: 3 years
Compensation: Expenses
Location: Global Remote

Application process
To apply, please send a CV and supporting statement of no more than 1 side to: recruitment@unitedgmh.org by 12pm BST Monday 1st November 2021

Ideally, this role will be filled as soon as possible, so applications will be reviewed (and interviews organised) on an ongoing basis. Early applications are encouraged.

The organisation
Worldwide mental health conditions are increasing and depression alone is on track to be the leading disease burden by 2030. The world is not yet equipped to handle this growing crisis, especially in low and middle income countries. The global COVID-19 pandemic has only increased the urgency to improve access to, and investment in, mental health care for all.

United for Global Mental Health is dedicated to creating a world that enables good mental health for all. We focus on what will make the most difference to global mental health, and we build whatever it takes to make that happen.

We unite: campaigners, practitioners, national organisations, businesses, people with lived experiences, funders, researchers, governments, and international bodies so that they can learn, collaborate and make greater progress together.

We incubate: Designing and setting up the initiatives that will make the most impact on global mental health and helping them to grow and ultimately flourish independently.

The opportunity
We are seeking two new Trustees to join the board of our UK-based organisation. Specifically we are looking for individuals who have a background with at least one of the following:

1) Person with Lived Experience of a mental health condition
2) Person living and working in a low or middle-income country (LMIC)

Detailed position descriptions are below.
TRUSTEE, PERSON WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE OF A MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION

Summary

- UnitedGMH works with and has among its staff a number of People with Lived Experience.
- The successful applicant will have lived experience of mental health condition(s); be willing to share their expertise of being an expert by experience; and help to steer Board decision-making processes and direction accordingly.
- The successful applicant will be passionate about mental health / social justice; and play a crucial role in helping to the strategic direction of UnitedGMH’s strategy and services.

Role

- Purpose is to play a central role in strategic conversations from the perspective of lived experience
- Provide a consistent source of challenge to the Board as they make evidence-based decisions
- Scrutinise performance from the perspective of lived experience
- Help to ensure transparency and accountability to the mental health community and wider society
- Provide oversight and a balance of support and challenge to the Senior Leadership Team

Requirements

- Experience of operating at a senior level
- Lived experience of mental health condition(s)
- A well-respected individual, willing to advocate publicly for UnitedGMH and help build a network/community of people who are passionate about the work we do and the difference we make
- Have a strong desire to be part of a high energy and dynamic organisation that addresses difficult issues
- Able to analyse information; use good, independent judgement; and a willingness to challenge constructively when necessary
- Be an excellent, confident and persuasive communicator.
- Demonstrable experience of building and sustaining relationships with key stakeholders and colleagues to achieve organisational objectives
- Experience of fundraising is desirable

TRUSTEE, Person living and working in a LMIC

Summary

- UnitedGMH works with a very wide range of partners across low, middle and high-income countries and is recruiting staff from a range of countries and backgrounds to help deliver its new three year strategy.
- This role will play a crucial role in helping to the strategic direction of UnitedGMH’s work around the world and with key partners in low, middle, and high-income countries
• The successful applicant will be willing to share their expertise of living and working in a low or middle-income country, with a focus on mental health, and help to steer Board decision-making processes and direction
• The successful applicant will be passionate about social justice / global health

Role

• Purpose is to play a central role in strategic conversations from the perspective of living and working in a low or middle-income country
• Provide a consistent source of challenge to the Board as they make evidence-based decisions
• Scrutinise performance through the perspective of living and working in a low or middle-income country
• Help to ensure transparency and accountability to our global mental health community and wider society
• Provide oversight and a balance of support and challenge to the Senior Leadership Team
• Play a central role at the start of generative strategic conversations

Requirements

• Experience of operating at a senior level
• Experience of living and working in a low or middle-income country on mental health issues
• A well-respected individual, willing to advocate publicly for UnitedGMH and help build a network/community of people who are passionate about the work we do and the difference we make
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