



## Community Action Project

SAdAS Group Facilitators

### Community Action Partner

Southern Addictions Advisory Service (SAdAS)

**Aim:** SAdAS are a large organisation drug and alcohol charity with many specialist areas including harm reduction, housing, mental health, outreach, counselling and support groups. Across these areas their aims are to reduce the harm that illicit drug and alcohol use causes to the individual, their family and community at large.

**Role:** Group facilitators help facilitate support groups for drug/alcohol users and/or support groups for family members affected by someone else's substance misuse in local venues across Surrey.

- **Knowledge, skills and abilities:** Experience or interest in groups/training/teaching, Knowledge of behaviour change and addiction, Working with family members ( where appropriate), Good listening and observation skills, Ability to maintain appropriate boundaries, Counselling qualifications advantageous, Service-user experience of treatment services/personal recovery.
- **The ability to:** Work as a member of a team as well as show a capacity to work alone. Keep calm under pressure, Understand and have a commitment to the principles of equal opportunity and diversity, Employ an empathetic and non-judgmental attitude towards service users, Show commitment to facilitating positive outcomes for service users.
- **Desirable criteria:** Self confident and the ability to use initiative, Flexible, self motivated and disciplined approach when dealing with service users.
- **Personal qualities:** Empathic and non-judgmental, Commitment and reliability, Commitment to the principles of equal opportunity and diversity.

**Training:** Volunteers will receive regular peer supervision (x6 weekly Saturday mornings), an induction, CPD and training opportunities. We also hope to offer training opportunities on Saturday mornings quarterly which might include topics such as 'addiction', group work facilitation, working with family members affected by addiction etc.

**Location:** There will be both a family support group plus a 'user' peer support group in each local district including; Spelthorne, Elmbridge, Runnymede and Surrey Heath.

**Times:** Family support groups meet twice per month in the evening from 6-7.30pm. 'Peer' support groups meet during the daytimes once per week.

**DBS:** A DBS disclosure will be required via the Community Partner.

**Other:** We prefer volunteers to be in their 3rd or final year of study or doing post graduate research. Extended holiday breaks would need to be discussed to minimise disruption for clients. Need to be able to travel to local venues, with travel costs reimbursed (mileage).

**Application:** Application form available from Community Action and an interview with the Community Partner will follow if selected. All volunteers must be [registered](#) as Community

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