

ADVOCACY & NETWORKING LEAD

APPLICATION PACK



OTAGO MENTAL HEALTH
SUPPORT TRUST



This is an application pack for people who are interested in applying to be the **Advocacy and Networking Lead** at the Otago Mental Health Support Trust (OMHST).

This pack gives you some more information on the position, and the type of person we are looking for.

At OMHST we offer a supportive team environment, where we learn from each other. If you're interested in joining us then please send your CV and a cover letter to info@omhst.org.nz by **5pm on Monday April 11th 2022**. We'll then shortlist candidates for an interview. We'll make our decision by Friday April 29th.

Please feel free to contact me if you'd like any further information, or need any support to make your application.

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WHAT DOES THE ADVOCACY & NETWORKING LEAD DO?

The position description for this role is included on the next page.

Essentially, the role involves two types of tasks - **systemic advocacy** and **networking**.

Systemic advocacy means working at a **systems level** to influence change. It is **very different to individual advocacy**- which is where you take up an issue on behalf of an individual person, or support someone to speak up for themselves. Systemic advocacy normally focuses on **identifying issues** that have an impact on multiple people. Systemic advocacy often means working to **raise awareness** of issues with a range of people and organisations who can make change. It can involve **advocating for changes** to practice, policies and legislation.

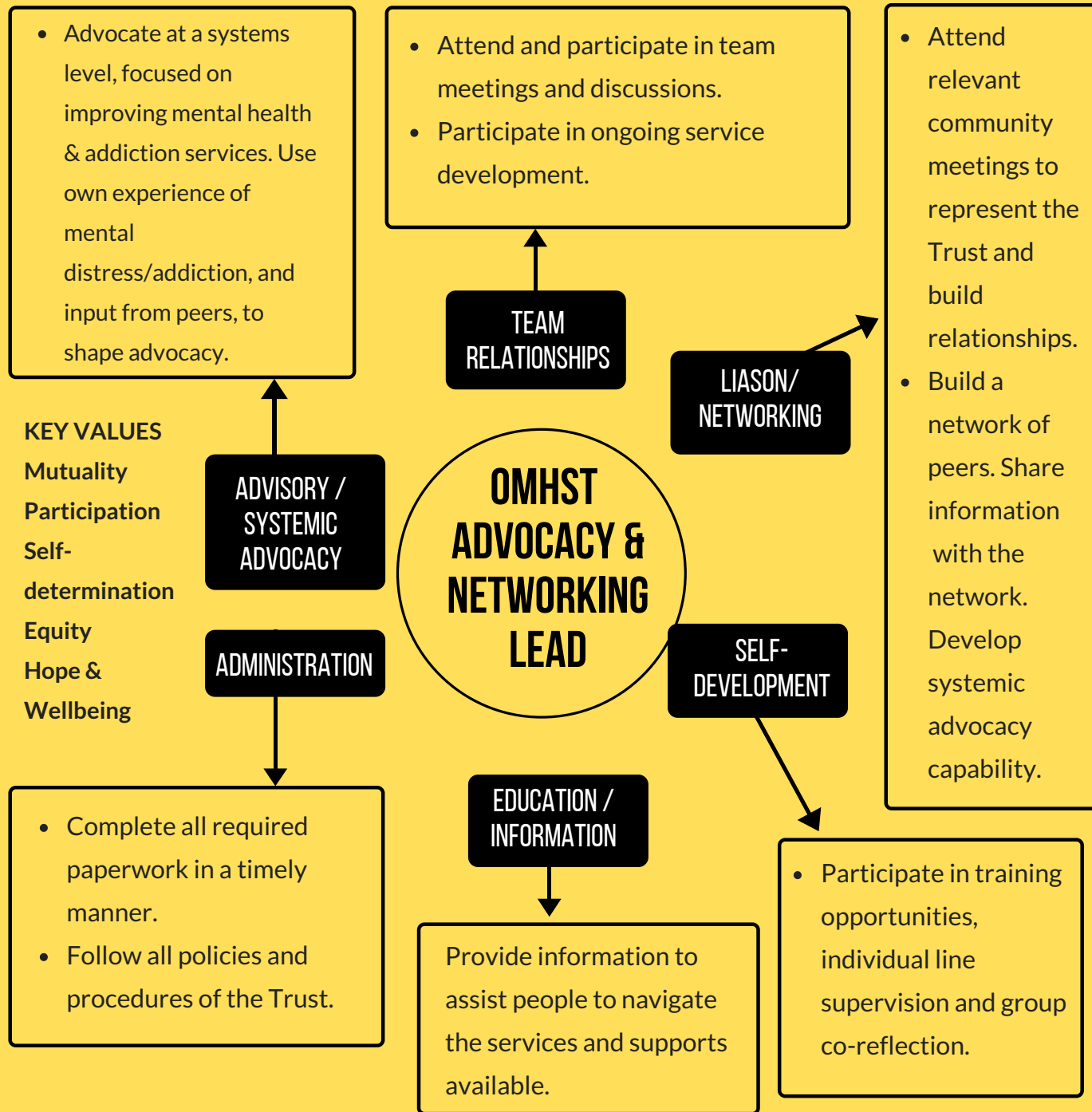
The networking part of this role involves **working with a network** of people who have experience of mental distress and/or addiction, and **supporting people to access the information and skills they need, so they can advocate for change that matters to them.**

POSITION DESCRIPTION

This position description outlines the key tasks and guiding values of the Advocacy & Networking Lead at the Otago Mental Health Support Trust.

Additional tasks are undertaken, as needed. These are discussed with the Manager. This role reports to the Manager.

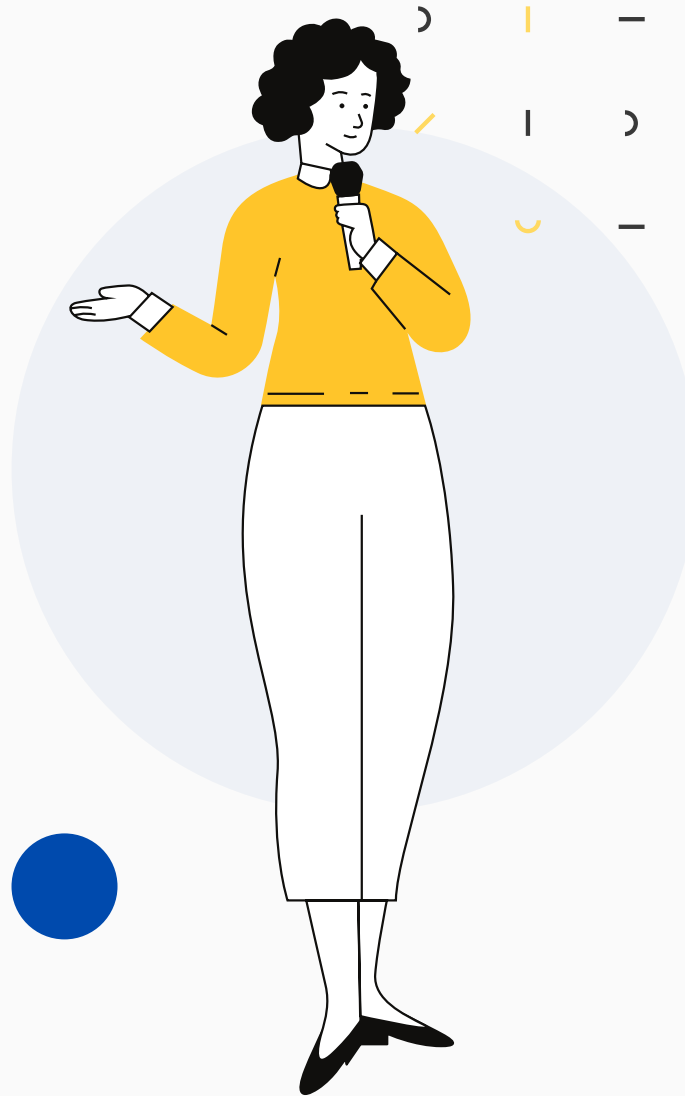
All OMHST staff are expected to meet all of the essential competencies in Te Pou's Competencies for the Consumer, Peer Support and Lived Experience (CPSLE) Workforce. These competencies should guide practice and self-development.



SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS VACANCY

GROUP WORK

The Advocacy and Networking Lead will need to facilitate group meetings.



PART-TIME CONTRACT

The contract for this position will be for 15 hours per week. Preferred days of work are Mondays & Tuesdays, but this can be negotiated.

KEY PERSONAL SKILLS & ATTRIBUTES

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
KNOWLEDGE	Basic computer skills.	Intentional Peer Support (IPS) training. Understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights, and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
EXPERIENCE	Personal experience of mental distress and/or addiction	Previous work experience in the mental health and/or addiction sector, especially in systemic advocacy.
PERSONAL QUALITIES	Non-judgmental. Values people and relationships. Strong communication skills. Able to work autonomously.	
WELLBEING	Identifies and communicates own needs to support wellbeing.	

Contact us

We welcome your questions at any stage of the recruitment process.

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