



Asian Focussed Peer Educator (Meanjin)

Permanent-part time, 5 hours per week, Fortitude Valley.
Social Community Home Care and Disability Services
(SCHCADS) Industry Award 2010 Level 4.1

Applications close 5pm Friday 10 March 2023

This role will be filled by a sex worker of Asian language background.
Respect Inc team are available to assist you with your application.
Email info@respectqld.org.au to make an appointment.

Only current and past sex workers eligible to apply.

Email applications to jobs@respectqld.org.au
If you have any questions please email:
sc@respectqld.org.au or carly@respectqld.org.au

How to Apply

Read the entire package prior to starting your application.

Prepare:

- 1) A brief **cover letter**.
- 2) A **response to each of the selection criteria**, up to one page for each topic. Describe your relevant knowledge, skills, abilities, training and experience for each topic. Please give **specific examples** where you have used your skills and abilities that relate to the criteria. If you do not address a criterion it will be assumed that you do not meet it.
- 3) Include a **copy of your resume or curriculum vitae (CV)** that provides your personal details, qualifications and work history, including sex work.
- 4) Provide **two referees**, including one who can confirm sex work experience, their name, email, and/or telephone contact details, to be contacted for a confidential verbal reference.

Information provided by applicants will be kept in the strictest confidence.

Key Selection Criteria

1. Previous sex work experience.
2. A demonstrated understanding of the health, legal and social issues faced by sex workers in Queensland.
3. Passion for education and health promotion with Asian sex workers.
4. Experience in community activism. An interest in building pride and solidarity within the sex worker community.
5. Strong communication skills including interpersonal, written and online. Technical skills including email, Google, apps and smartphone.
6. An understanding of social, political and cultural change for the sex worker community in Queensland and elsewhere.
7. An interest in record keeping, document management, sales, petty cash, banking and stock control.
8. Passion for learning about sex worker-friendly health services and other good resources for the community.
9. Ability to be an active member of a diverse team, follow direction and accept feedback. Demonstrated ability to problem solve and resolve conflict.
10. The ability to learn from others, share skills and information. A willingness and interest in learning and contributing to Respect Inc.

Desirable Skills

- An open Queensland driver's license, or the capacity to obtain one within the first 3 months of employment.
- Fluent in languages other than English.
- Previous work experience in illegal sectors of sex work in Queensland.
- Knowledge and understanding of current Queensland legislation relating to sex work.
- Experience of or previous employment in sex worker peer education.

The Asian Focussed peer educator role will be filled by a sex worker of Asian language background.

Sex workers who are living with HIV are strongly encouraged to apply.

Primary Duties & Responsibilities

On-site training provided to reach these competencies.

1. Establish and maintain regular and ongoing contact with sex workers to provide education, information, support and referral on sex work-related issues including accessing private, brothel, escort, massage parlour and street-based workers, and other sex workers on a regular basis.
2. Deliver HIV/AIDS, sexual health and other health promotion programs targeting sex workers.
3. Conduct workshops on workplace health and safety strategies and development for sex workers and training in areas relevant to sex workers. Hold events of interest to sex workers.
4. Promote membership and community involvement in Respect Inc.
5. Foster peer education strategies to promote HIV and sexual health awareness and support among sex workers and participate in community development activities using workplace health and safety issues as a vehicle for supporting and fostering networks and building sex worker community capacity.
6. Promote other Respect Inc services to sex workers including distribution of inexpensive and free safer sex products to sex workers. Maintain relevant financial accountability processes including stock control, cash handling, monthly bank deposits and communication relating to these activities in a team environment.
7. Ability to work in a strictly confidential environment.
8. Contribute to the operation and development of Respect Inc programs, projects, organisation and team. Conduct work in partnership with other Asian Focussed Peer Educators within Respect Inc. Build relationships with other Asian Focussed Peer Educators in other Australian sex worker organisations. Participate in regular supervision, use accountability mechanisms as outlined in Respect Inc Policy and Procedures, and work within the aims, philosophy and values of the organisation.
9. Work in conjunction with other government and non-government organisations on specific projects and service provision in consultation with the State Coordinator in accordance with our Strategic and Annual Forward plans.
10. Compile and collate data and prepare reports, including monthly reports and other documents as required by the State Coordinator.
11. Attend HIV/AIDS, STI and related health training workshops and professional training development in order to maintain a current knowledge of health issues relevant to sex workers (individual professional development needs and desires will be negotiated annually as part of the staff performance appraisal process).
12. Contribute positively to the work environment and ensure a welcoming atmosphere within the workplace. Work collaboratively and within a team.
13. Undertake other duties as directed by the State Coordinator.

About Respect Inc

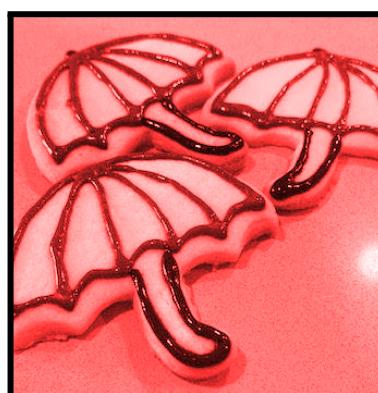
Respect Inc provides peer-based services to, and advocacy for, sex workers in Queensland.

We provide peer education, information, events, workshops and support programs to Queensland sex workers regardless of gender, age, location, industry sector, legal status, cultural background, class or linguistic abilities. We also provide a formal medium to communicate sex worker issues and concerns so as to improve the rights, and respond to the workplace health and safety needs, of our peers.

More specifically, we provide:

- regular and reliable safer spaces for sex worker drop-in, in three locations in Queensland
- information, education, peer support, events, workshops, advocacy and referrals
- outreach to regional and isolated sex workers
- sales of inexpensive safer sex products (condoms, lubes, etc.)
- allied health services network development
- sex worker community development
- general community education
- policy advice to government

We are a Sex Worker-run, Community- based Organisation



Vision Statement

We envisage a society where we as sex workers have equal status in society and are free to pursue our occupation safely, on our own terms without fear of criminalisation, stigma or discrimination. Our vision is for sex work to be recognised as work and as such fully decriminalised.

Values of the Organisation

Diversity
Respect

Equality
Pride

Rights
Autonomy

Guiding Principles

- **‘Decriminalisation is the Best Legal Framework for Sex Workers’**

Full decriminalisation of all forms of sex work is the only framework that enables us to work freely and safely and which supports a reduction in stigma.

- **‘Sex Work is Real Work’**

Respect Inc recognises sex work as a legitimate work option where people provide sexual services for profit or benefits similar to any other form of work.

- **‘Nothing About Us Without Us’ and ‘Our Bodies, Our Business’**

Sex workers must be involved at all levels in all research, policy and decision-making that is about us or governs us.

- **‘Sex Worker Rights are Human Rights’**

Recognition of our fundamental rights is key to reducing the stigma that endangers sex workers and encourages discrimination against us.

Mission Statement

We are Queensland sex workers voicing our need for human, industrial and workplace rights for all sex workers. We aim to improve the lives of sex workers by eliminating stigma and discrimination via social, legislative and political change.



**World Hepatitis Day, 28 July 2020,
Meanjin Respect Office**

Given the nature of the work we do, the successful applicant will be required to sign a legally binding confidentiality agreement that will remain in force for the period of employment as well as after leaving our organisation.

Purpose of the Position

The position involves undertaking on-site training to become competent in the day-to-day running of Respect Inc sex worker-only drop-in, and completing outreach activities to workplaces of Asian sex workers.

All peer educator positions work under the direction of the State Coordinator to develop, implement, evaluate and manage peer education and support programs as well as activities aimed at improving general occupational health and safety conditions for sex workers within the philosophy and policy framework of the organisation.

Specifically, the Asian Focussed peer educator (Meanjin) will become skilled at engaging with other Asian language background sex workers.

Excellent team work and time management skills are necessary to be able to achieve the objectives of this role

Terms and Conditions of Employment

This is a permanent part-time position.

Staff are employed under the SCHADS (Social Community Home Care and Disability Services) Industry Award 2010.

The position will be paid at Level 4.1.

Work hours are carried out **on site at the relevant Respect Inc office.**

The hours are not flexible. This is not a work-from-home position.

Pay rates are as set out in the Fair Work Transitional Pay Table Queensland, Transitional Pay Equity Order (TPEO) (incorporating the QLD Regulation and DIV 2B QCSCA), Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry (SCHCADS) Award 2010.

Respect Inc is unable to pay for relocation costs for applicants.

Respect Inc does not have the resources to sponsor work visas for applicants.

As per National Employment Standards, there is a probationary period. During that period either party can terminate the contract.