



Basingstoke Counselling Service, a registered charity, was founded in 1985 by a small group of local therapists wanting to provide mental health support to the local community. Since then, the Service has flourished to become a busy, vibrant counselling and training centre, managed by a talented team of clinical and non-clinical staff, dedicated to improving the emotional wellbeing of our community.

We achieve this in two ways. Firstly, we offer one-to-one and couples counselling for adults, via a team of counsellors who provide a professional and affordable service. Our counsellors are supervised and practise within the BACP Ethical Framework for the Counselling Professions.

Secondly, we provide a range of training courses for those interested in supporting others with mental health difficulties. We have a long heritage of running highly regarded courses from one-day CPD workshops through to a three-year BACP Accredited Diploma in Psychodynamic Counselling.

Based in central Basingstoke (a stone's throw from War Memorial Park and the town centre shops and transport links), we have a suite of eight rooms used for counselling, training and administration. All of these rooms have recently been refurbished to a high standard, making BCS a very pleasant and welcoming work environment!

This is an exciting time for the Service as we are experiencing a sustained period of growth. To ensure that we continue to deliver high quality services to all our users it is imperative that we recruit talented and committed individuals to complement the current team and help us continue to develop and grow the Service.

To minimise our impact on the environment and ensure efficient work practises, all of our systems are now digital.

We understand that discrimination and inequality exist in our society. As an organisation, we aim to treat everyone with dignity and respect, and therefore challenge ourselves regularly to ensure we achieve this. We do this by listening and responding to feedback and regularly reviewing our approach to equality, diversity and inclusion.



Job Description

Role title	Experiential Group Leader
Reporting to	Introduction and Certificate Course Manager
Employer	Basingstoke Counselling Service
Location	Goldings, London Road, Basingstoke, RG21 4AN
Working hours	Two groups of 65 minutes each for 30 weeks (in line with the academic year): 6.30pm to 7.35pm 7.55pm to 9pm
Rate of pay	£100.00 per evening
Term of contract	Self-employed
Start date	22 nd September 2022
Closing date for applications	9am on Monday 11 th July 2022
To apply	Send a CV and covering letter to catherine.butler@basingstokecounselling.org.uk
For an informal chat about the role	Please contact Catherine Butler on 01256 843125 or catherine.butler@basingstokecounselling.org.uk

Overview of the post

We are currently seeking a suitably qualified and experienced group leader to run our Certificate Experiential Group. BCS's Certificate in Counselling Skills and Theory takes place annually, over one academic year. There are 30 once-weekly sessions which take place on a Thursday evening. Due to the popularity of the course, we will be running two Certificate groups for the first time this year, with a maximum of 14 students per group. There is a half-term break in each term in line with Hampshire school holidays.

The Experiential Group offers the students an opportunity in which to explore feelings and relationships within the group. The content of the course can be emotionally challenging, and this group supports participants in their journey to gain a deeper

understanding of themselves and the group dynamics involved. Many people find this a rich and personally rewarding experience.

The successful candidate would be psychodynamically trained or have a deep understanding of the modality. In addition, they would have the appropriate experience and qualifications to run this essential part of our Certificate training.

Term dates:

Term 1

Week 1	22 nd September 2022
Week 2	29 th September 2022
Week 3	6 th October 2022
Week 4	13 th October 2022
Week 5	20 th October 2022
Week 6	3 rd November 2022
Week 7	10 th November 2022
Week 8	17 th November 2022
Week 9	24 th November 2022
Week 10	1 st December 2022

Term 2

Week 11	12 th January 2023
Week 12	19 th January 2023
Week 13	26 th January 2023
Week 14	2 nd February 2023
Week 15	9 th February 2023
Week 16	23 rd February 2023
Week 17	2 nd March 2023
Week 18	9 th March 2023
Week 19	16 th March 2023
Week 20	23 rd March 2023

Term 3

Week 21	27 th April 2023
Week 22	4 th May 2023
Week 23	11 th May 2023
Week 24	18 th May 2023
Week 25	25 th May 2023
Week 26	8 th June 2023
Week 27	15 th June 2023
Week 28	22 nd June 2023
Week 29	29 th June 2023
Week 30	6 th July 2023