

ROLE DESCRIPTION

POSITION: WA Alliance To End Homelessness - Steering Committee Member (Lived Experience Adult)

PAYMENT: Australian Alliance to End Homelessness (AAEH) [Lived Experience Inclusion Policy](#); and is paid at a rate of \$77p/h

ENGAGEMENT: The position is set at 5hrs per month to fulfil Steering Committee role responsibilities.

RESPONSIBLE TO: The position is responsible to the Co-Chairs of the Steering Committee and WAAEH Executive Director

SUPPORT: Monthly support meetings with WAAEH Executive Director, other LE reps and external supervision as required.

INCLUSION & ACCESSIBILITY

The WA Alliance to End Homelessness (Alliance) values the perspective of every person with a Lived Experience, we strongly encourage those from First Nation Australian, Torres Strait Islander and other Multicultural backgrounds, those with a Disability and Gender Diverse people to apply for this role as we acknowledge the unique perspective that these lived experiences can bring to the conversation.

The Alliance is located in the Perth CBD with access to nearby public transport, lifts and an accessible toilet located on the first floor. Steering Committee Meetings are held online and notice will be provided should you ever be required to attend an event in person.

ABOUT THE ROLE

As a Committee member your role will include:

- Providing oversight, advice, helping steer the Alliance
- Overseeing the delivery of the strategic direction of the Alliance based on the agreed Vision, Strategic & Operational plans and budget
- Approve the budget that aligns with funding agreements and deliverables to be approved by Australian Alliance to End Homelessness (AAEH)
- Overseeing Alliance Initiatives within the scope of budget
- Monitoring any contract performance of the Alliance and ensuring that it is reported to the AAEH board

During your time on the Steering Committee you will work alongside 3 other prescribed roles that include: Lived Experience Youth Role, Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO) Role and a Regional Role, in addition to other Alliance members.

ABOUT THE ALLIANCE

The Western Australian Alliance to End Homelessness (WAAEH) is an independent coalition of individuals and organisations committed to working together to end homelessness in Western Australia.

Guided by our Charter and 10-year Strategy, the WAAEH works to mobilise communities around Western Australia towards the shared goal of ending homelessness.

Since 2016, we have supported individuals, organisations, governments and local communities to work collaboratively across sectors to end homelessness – not just for individuals, but for whole communities.

Specifically, we aim to prevent, reduce and end homelessness by ensuring that everyone has access to the housing and support they need, so that any future incidents of homelessness are rare, brief and non-recurring. This is how we define an end to homelessness.

We have developed a [Strategy](#) for achieving an end to homelessness in Western Australia, which reflects all the things that are needed to support this goal. It continues to change and evolve as the complex problem that is homelessness changes. Our Strategy sets out the five strategic challenges that we need to work through: housing, prevention, a collaborative approach, data and research and community capacity building.

Alliance activities are overseen by a Steering Committee composed of community leaders. This Steering Committee ensures fidelity to the collective impact model that underpins the Alliance approach and guides implementation of the WA Alliance to End Homelessness 10 Year Strategy to agreed goals.

The Alliance welcomes all of those with the shared goal of ending homelessness, whether at an organisational or personal level. If you are interested in becoming a Partner of the WA Alliance to End Homelessness you can contact us at info@waaeh.org.au for more information.

KEY DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Steering Committee Duties:

- To be an active and contributing member to the steering committee: attend 90% of meetings (available online) in addition to remaining informed on matters relating to the role and providing input to discussions and any agreed actions.
- Represent the broad perspectives of Lived Experience within the community
- Provide guidance and strategic direction to the WAAEH based on the agreed Vision & Objectives.
- Read project reports and budget updates to the Committee and provide advice on emerging risks, trends and issues.
- Serve as an ambassador for the WAAEH and Stakeholders by supporting WAAEH activities such as Pulse meetings, Improvement meetings, campaigns and conferences.

Disclaimer:

While there is an aspect of contributing storytelling within this role, there is no expectation for people to share any detailed experiences. The role is to provide a lived experience lens to the work of WAAEH and to guide the conversations to

ensure a holistic approach is considered. Additionally, there is no expectation or requirement for the role holder to be active within the media on behalf of the WAAEH or share their lived experiences in a public forum.

General Responsibilities:

- Act with an awareness of cultural diversity and sensitivity to Cultural Lore.
- Promote the common goal of ending homelessness through maintaining strong relationships with Stakeholders.
- Conduct oneself in a professional manner in accordance with the Steering Committee expectations and principles within the WAAEH values.
- Contribute to and be a part of the organisational culture - teamwork, co-operation, quality, safety, confidentiality, continuous improvement.
- Comply with all Health, Safety and Environmental procedures.

Professional Development:

- There may be opportunities to engage and participate in education to further develop your skills and understanding relating to your Steering Committee role, including but not limited to Cultural Awareness training.
- The successful candidate remains informed and updated about affordable housing and homelessness policy and practice.

CORE COMPETENCIES

The successful candidate for this role will have competent skills not only in their lived experience knowledge, both of their own and the community, but also have the ability to navigate challenging and confronting conversations around this, while maintaining regulation and/or being aware of when support may need to be put in place.

As a member of the Alliance Steering Committee you will be expected to engage with a diverse range of stakeholders, whose connections will be crucial to the development of collective action in support of the Alliance, therefore an ability to network in effort to establish and maintain relationships is necessary to the role.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Essential

1. Have a Lived or Living Experience of homelessness or housing instability.
2. Have active external supports in place to maintain wellbeing and self-care in both your personal and professional lives.
3. Able to navigate complex and sensitive conversations with professionalism, maintaining constructive dialogue even when perspectives differ.

Other

1. An ability to support and operate within the values of the WA Alliance to End Homelessness and a collective vision to end homelessness.
2. Be a shared voice for those with experiences different to your own through engagement with the wider community.

Role requirements:

The successful candidate is required to undergo a police clearance which will be covered by the Alliance.

Disclaimer: With this role being a Lived Experience position we acknowledge that some people may have a history that will be reflected in this clearance, however we encourage people to still apply as we value all perspectives within the Lived Experience Community.

If you would like to know more about this role, please contact Louise Olney, louise.olney@waaeh.org.au to discuss further.

Should you want to apply for this role, please submit a Cover letter that addresses the key points noted in the JDF selection criteria and demonstrates an understanding of the role and its responsibilities.

You may also wish to include a resume however this is not essential to the process.

Please forward your expression of interest and relevant documents to info@waaeh.org.au by close of business Friday 29th May.