



Application Process for Family & Carer Committee Membership

Thank you for considering registering an expression of interest in becoming a member of the newly proposed **headspace** Newcastle Family and Carer Committee. There are 3 positions available.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted to the Service Director of **headspace** Newcastle by email, to bwalsh@hunterprimarycare.com.au , no later than 5:00pm Friday the 22nd April, 2016.

Expressions of interest must include an up to date resume, as well as addressing the essential and desirable criteria documented on the position description included, ie;

Essential Qualifications and Experience:

- Experience as a parent and / or carer of a young person aged 12-25 who have been considered to have a mental illness or a diagnosis of a mental illness.
- Currently living in the Newcastle region.
- Demonstrated enthusiasm regarding young people, the local community, and youth mental health in particular and also possess an understanding of “early intervention” principles.
- Nominees should be available to attend at least 3 meetings per year in person, and commit to the sub-committee for a period of 12 months at least.

Desirable Qualifications, Education and Experience:

- Ability to use initiative to identify areas for improvement and implement changes.
- Diploma in Youth Work, Community Services, or the equivalent combination of relevant qualification and experience, or currently undertaking same.
- Evidence of further training such as Certificate IV in Mental Health or Drug and Alcohol.
- Understanding of the issues and barriers for parents, families, friends, and carers in accessing mental health services.
- Experience in working with youth from Aboriginal and/or CALD cultures.

Applicants should be aware that a clear working with children check and a criminal clearance is required to be successful.

Enquiries can be made on (02) 4929 4201 asking for Belinda, or by emailing bwalsh@hunterprimarycare.com.au