Contract Opportunity: Project Advisor, Climate Change and Mental Health

Summary

We are looking to engage an Expert Advisor to manage two projects relating to climate change and mental health. This will be a short-term assignment contributing towards advancing Wellcome’s Climate and Health and Mental Health Strategies.

Contractor Position: Up to 2 days per week (remote)

Duration: (up to) no more than 52 full working days in total (based on a day being 7 hours).

Background

The Wellcome Trust is a global charitable foundation. We improve health for everyone by funding science, leading policy, and advocacy campaigns, and building partnerships. We plan to spend £16bn over the next ten years, funding new discoveries in life, health, and wellbeing, and taking on three global health challenges: mental health, infectious disease and climate and health. These challenges need the bold science we support, but they won’t be solved by science alone.

The Wellcome Mental Health Field Building team seek to engage an Expert Advisor on a paid consultancy basis to assist with two projects in the areas of climate and health and mental health.

Deliverables and activities

The deliverables of this work will include:

1. Work with the Mental Health and Climate and Health programmes at Wellcome to ensure delivery of the Connecting Climate Minds project on time and on budget in 2024.

2. Work with the Mental Health and Climate and Health programmes to scope and deliver a commission to identify an appropriate measure for mental health to be included in the Lancet Countdown project.

3. Use learning from the above two projects to provide recommendations for future work in the area of climate and mental health by Wellcome and associated organisations and projects.

The Expert Advisor will complete these activities in collaboration with the Climate and Health and Mental Health teams, including Lived Experience advisors. We anticipate the activities will take no
more than 26 full working days (7 hours) in total. The work is expected to begin by end-November 2023 and to be completed no later than June 2024.

Wellcome will pay a fixed fee of £700 per day (with a day being 7 hours).

What we are looking for and expressing interest

We are looking for individuals who have relevant expertise in mental health and climate change, as well as strong written communication and information synthesis skills. We welcome consultants from diverse backgrounds, experience, geographies and expertise, and do not require consultants to be based at an academic institution. All activities can be conducted remotely. Though all communication and report writing will be conducted in English, we understand that English may not be the first language of the Expert Advisor(s).

If you are interested, please submit a short expression of interest briefly outlining your suitability for this opportunity and attaching your CV. This should be sent by email to Niall Boyce at n.boyce@wellcome.org (Head of Field Building, Mental Health) by midnight London time (GMT+1) on Friday the 27th of October 2023. The selection process will take place at the beginning of November, and you may be invited to a 45-minute online meeting with two Wellcome team members to discuss the opportunity and your skills and experience.

Diversity and Inclusion is at the heart of everything we do.

Diversity and inclusion are central to our strategy. We want to make sure everything we do – and everyone who works with us – upholds these principles. Our intention is to work with kindness and consideration and to value the wellbeing of everyone involved in the collaboration. If you require any reasonable adjustments during the process, please contact us at n.boyce@wellcome.org.