

CHWA is Recruiting Regional Champions

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We are particularly looking for champions in the following regions

- **North East**
- **North West**
- **East**
- **South West**
- **Yorkshire and Humber**

You can listen to an audio of this information or download a PDF [here](#).

Key Duties

Explore | Connect | Advocate | Develop

The Culture, Health & Wellbeing Alliance Regional Champions are a vital part of our network when it comes to supporting and connecting the creative health sector across the country. The champions are made up of a variety of fantastic individuals already working in creative health/culture/arts outreach, who want to help others working locally to maximise their positive impact, depending on what the area needs. As we have multiple champions in each area, the role is designed to sit alongside other existing work, and will be tailored to the priorities in your region. Broadly speaking, the role and responsibilities of a Regional Champion are:

Explore

What is already happening in your area? Find out who the organisations, practitioners and commissioners are and what work is going on.

Connect

Attend quarterly CHWA meetings

Organise and chair regional steering group meetings.

Be responsible for taking the lead on reviewing steering group membership, roles and responsibilities.

Advocate

Use opportunities to advocate for the role of the arts and culture in relation to health and wellbeing. These could include anything from local meetings for cultural organisations to local newsletters, to meetings hosted by your local CCG to discuss social prescribing.

Develop

Work as a team with your other regional CHWA champions and regional LENS champions to develop a collaborative regional strategy, focussing on the unique strengths and assets of your own region and that works for your own capacity.

Person Specification

We always aim to be collaborative; caring; inclusive; and committed to positive social change. These are our values as an organisation and it's essential you feel comfortable with this, and that you feel you can work in this way. In addition, we consider the following essential to the role:

- Ability to dedicate 4-8 hours per month to the role for a term of 2 years
- Good knowledge of the culture and creativity sector in your area
- A proactive, can do attitude and an energy to make things happen

- An open and friendly approach
- Good communication skills
- Flexibility and willingness to listen and learn from others

In return, volunteers will receive:

- Dedicated training and support from CHWA
- Reimbursement of travel expenses for in person meetings
- Free tickets to CHWA events, such as the national conference
- Networking opportunities across the regions

Regional Priorities

Although we welcome applications from any person interested in the role, some of our regions have identified specific priorities for their area.

- North West - Strong networking skills to help reach the lesser served areas of the regions, links to or a base in Cumbria and the surrounding area
- North East - Those with strong local cultural networks, links to or a base in Teeside , Northumberland and/or the surrounding area, an interest in peer support, arts freelancers
- South West - Sharing opportunities/raising awareness amongst practitioners about regional and national initiatives, connecting and collaborating with the South West Creative Health Associate about developments in different parts of

the region, picking up lived experience connections from various lived experience groups

Application Process

To apply, please send us a short video or audio file referencing the application form questions, or [fill out this application form](#) by Fri 27th October.

Please tell us about any access needs we can meet to support your application process.

We'd also appreciate it if you could click on this link and fill out [this Equality, Diversity & Representation form](#) when you apply. This form is anonymous and we won't be able to connect it with your application, but it helps us assess whether we are reaching a wide pool of candidates. If the link doesn't work for you let us know and we will find an alternative.

We are committed to ensuring our organisation is as diverse and representative as possible and are using the [IncArts Unlock tool](#) to support this recruitment process. **We particularly want to encourage applications from people identifying with any of the protected characteristics as defined in the 2010 Equality Act, or who are from less affluent socioeconomic backgrounds.**

Timeline

Applications will close at midnight on 27th October and we will let you know the outcome of your application by Friday 10th November. We aim to hold interviews on

Tuesday 21st November or Thursday 23rd November with a view to the successful champions starting in January 2024. If you have any limitations on your time on the interview date, please let us know.

For an informal chat or if you have any questions please do get in touch with fiona@culturehealthandwellbeing.org.uk

APPLICATION FORM Regional Champion: The Culture, Health & Wellbeing Alliance

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Regional Champion with The Culture, Health and Wellbeing Alliance.

Please use this form if you are applying for any of our Regional Champion Roles. Details of the roles can be found here <https://www.culturehealthandwellbeing.org.uk/who-we-are/chwas-regional-champions>

Access is important to us. If you would like this form in another format, need additional support, or have any questions about the role, please email fiona@culturehealthandwellbeing.org.uk

1. Full Name:

2. Preferred Pronouns:

3. Email Address:

4. Job Title/Organisation:

5. Which Regional Champion Role are you interested in?

North East / North West/ West Midlands / East Midlands / Yorkshire & Humber/ East

London / South East / South West

6. Whereabouts in your region are you based?

7. Please tell us a bit more about you.

This could be your artistic passions, skills or interests, professional or volunteering experience or how you came to be involved in creative health

8. What would you hope to get out of being a champion and how could CHWA support you with that? Why do you feel this is right for you at this point? This could be general knowledge or skill enhancing, formal training or upskilling, networking opportunities etc.

9. What specifically do you feel your regions creative health needs are and what could you bring to the role to help address these needs? Please see the key elements of the role in the job description. You can also use this space to highlight what you think is going well in your area.

10. We'd love to know your more long term goals in relation to your work/interest in Creative Health.

11. Please let us know any considerations you'd like us to make (part time worker/working around childcare arrangements etc) or access requirements you would need to help us make the role work for you.

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