

Greater London Community of Practice Coordinator BILD

12 month contract 0.2 FTE post

Salary £30,000 **pro rata**

Professor Gerry Simon set up the British Institute of Learning Disabilities – now known as Bild– in 1971 because he was convinced there could be better support in the community for people with disabilities.

We've been championing the rights of people with learning disabilities, autism and mental health conditions ever since.

Our vision is a society where people with disabilities are equal citizens, able to enjoy the same rights and opportunities as everyone else. We do this by working to develop the skills and culture necessary to better understand and meet people's needs to improve their quality of life.

What we do

We facilitate change, turning research, policy and evidence-based practice into practical workforce and organisational development programmes that help ensure excellent support and a better quality of life for people with disabilities.

Our communities of practice, consultancy, training, conferences and publishing all contribute to supporting organisations to continually improve practice.

The role

We are looking for a knowledgeable and well-networked community coordinator for our Greater London Learning Disability and Autism Community of Practice. As community coordinator, you will work closely with our Learning Disability and Autism Manager, Engagement Coordinator, and steering group, to create a positive and thriving community of practice for London.

The purpose of Bild facilitated communities of practice is to enable all those involved in supporting people with learning disabilities and autistic people to have opportunities to learn from each other and work alongside people with lived experience, in order to improve the support that people receive.

The primary aim is to have a positive impact on the quality of life, health and wellbeing for the person and the all the people that support them. This includes a focus on workforce development and retention, the encouragement of good practice leaders and a forum within which to look forward and take forward quality initiatives.

This community aims to bring together a diverse group of people with lived experience, practitioners and carers with a shared aim to drive practice forward. Under present conditions learning and networking will take place virtually. Bild have experience of doing this successfully and making this accessible to different populations.

The key function of the community is to provide a forum for Londoners to share information, resources, examples of good practice and a space to ask questions and provide answers. You will be able to provide knowledge and expertise to the community on a variety of issues, or know where/ who to point community members to for answers.

You will be responsible for developing a programme of content about matters important to community members (e.g. webinars, newsletter items, blog posts, social posts – working with engagement coordinator to deliver material that will be of interest/ spark good discussion and debate) that will provide stimulation for meaningful discussion.

Accountable to the Learning Disability and Autism Manager & GLCoP steering group

Key responsibilities :

- To carry out the workplan as agreed with the GLCoP steering group
- To provide regular updates to the steering group
- To develop a programme of material that is of interest to and will engage the community (e.g. programme of webinars, annual event programme, provide a steer on content for newsletters and blogs)
- To represent Bild at the CoP events in the CoP forum, providing a guiding, professional and expert voice to members
- To increase the membership of the community ensuring there is a broad mix from different stakeholder groups

Essential skills knowledge & experience	Desirable skills and knowledge & experience
Must live in Greater London	Established networks through Greater London
Background in working with people with a learning disability and autistic people in health, education or social care sector or as an unpaid carer	Qualification in working with people with a learning disability and autistic people
Must be able to demonstrate commitment to improving outcomes	Previous experience coordinating a similar role or project
Strong networking skills	Established networks in the learning disability and autism sector
Strong coordination and organisational skills	Confident in facilitating in online and physical forums

If you are interested in this role, please send a CV and short covering letter to enquiries@bild.org.uk

If you have any questions regarding the role, please contact l.allen@bild.org.uk

Applications will close when we have found a successful candidate