

If you wish any further information and an application form Please Complete this form and send it to us, we can also be contacted directly by phone or e-mail.

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Orkney Alcohol Counselling & Advisory Service
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Is Anybody Out There?

**We are currently looking to recruit
Trainee Volunteer Counsellors
to join our team of dedicated
service providers.**

**Interested?
Contact us now**

Closing date for applications 9th July 2007

Volunteer

Counsellor Recruitment, Training and Support Programme.

Thank you for taking the time to read this leaflet which explains a bit about the service we offer and provides information about our recruitment, training and support for volunteers.

About the Network of Councils on Alcohol

The network of Scottish Councils on Alcohol is made up of 28 local agencies throughout Scotland. These are all registered charities affiliated to Alcohol Focus Scotland.

The Local Councils on Alcohol focus on 3 main activities:

- Counselling people with alcohol problems
- Prevention of alcohol problems
- Campaigning to raise awareness of alcohol problems

About our counselling Service

We provide advice, information, and counselling for anyone whose life is affected by alcohol and/or drugs.

Drinkers/users, their families, friends, employers, and carers are offered confidential, one-to-one counselling.

We help people recognise how and why alcohol/drugs creates obstacles in their lives, and support them to take difficult decisions and make changes.

We do this by recruiting volunteers locally to work as Alcohol/Drugs Counsellors.

No prior knowledge of drinking/drugs misuse problems or counselling is required and no academic or professional qualifications are necessary as thorough training is provided by AFS.

A step by step guide to becoming a Volunteer Counsellor

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1. An application is made to OACAS (see reverse of leaflet for address)
2. Application form and information pack sent out
3. Interview / Selection
4. If selected, trainee counsellors agree a contract with the agency stating the maximum number of hours they are able to give per week
5. Trainee counsellors participate in 130 hours of training delivered in Orkney
6. Trainees complete an ongoing personal log to record their learning. This is the beginning of their accreditation portfolio
7. During the basic training course, trainees are introduced to their Practice Supervisor and the work of OACAS
8. Trainee induction including observed practice
9. After satisfactorily completing basic training, counsellors take on their first client
10. Counsellors receive a minimum of 1½ hours of supervision every month
11. Counsellors take on a client case load
12. Counsellors continue to develop their portfolio for accreditation
13. Several assessments are submitted, along with a report from the Practice Supervisor
14. Accreditation after 2 years and 100 hours counselling plus 31 hours of supervision

We're looking for people with common sense who understand life's ups and downs, and have time to give.

We can offer you

- **Counselling** training of the highest standard
- **Information** and understanding of alcohol/drugs and its misuse
- **Accreditation** after 2 years
- **Help with travelling** expenses to attend training
- **Support** and supervision on a regular basis
- **Job satisfaction** and the opportunity to help people in difficulty
- **The chance** to meet new people and try something different
- **OACAS** is a **COSCA** Recognised Counselling & Counselling Skills Organisation.

If you can offer us

- **A genuine interest** in helping people with alcohol and drugs related problems
- **An open mind**
- **A commitment** to attending all the training
- **A minimum of 3-4 hours** per week after completion of basic training

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