

Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in this post (**Finance Assistant**) within **nia**.

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If you are interested in applying for the job, please download an application form. **When completing it please relate your application to the requirements stated in the person specification**, as shortlisting for interview is dependent on the extent to which your application matches these.

Please complete the application form in full. Please do not include any additional documentation such as Curriculum Vitae, as the Organisation requires candidate's information to be in a standard form on its own application form.

Unfortunately, we are unable to write to applicants who are not shortlisted. Should you not hear from us within two weeks after the closing date, you should assume that on this occasion your application has been unsuccessful.

Your completed application form should be returned marked 'application form and the title of the post (s) that you have applied for' via email to administrator@niaendingviolence.org.uk by the closing date. Any late applications will not be accepted.

Yours faithfully,



Rachel Evans
Head of Central Services

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

OUR APPLICATION AND OUR RECRUITMENT PROCESS

Applying for a job

nia's recruitment policy intends to ensure that every applicant is treated fairly. This means that we are not able to consider previous applications or personal knowledge of you. It means that if already work for **nia**, we do not take into account your personal file.

The information you provide in your application form is the only information we will use in deciding whether you will be shortlisted for the selection process. Your application form is therefore very important and the following advice is designed to help you compete it as effectively as possible.

Using the person specification

The **person specification** is the list of criteria or requirements regarded as necessary for the post. **To be considered for an interview you have to fulfil each point of the person specification marked "X" in column A (application).**

NB: Please note the maximum word count is 2500 words.

Before you fill in the application form look at the person specification and decide how to relate your skills, knowledge and experience to each point. Try not to repeat yourself by using just one area of your experience to cover more than one requirement. Draw upon your past and present jobs or interests; you may discover you have a broader range of skills than you imagined.

Give examples of the work you have been involved in and write in a positive way (e.g. I was responsible for I organised.... etc) Always remember to specify your own responsibilities rather than those of your section or department. The most important thing is to tell us - we are unable to guess or make assumptions.

Remember that voluntary work or work at home can be as valuable as paid employment. It is important that your application relate to the job you are applying for.

Completing the application form

Application forms should be filled in as completely and as clearly as possible so that we can consider all candidates on the same basis.

Write out the form in rough first to avoid mistakes and repetitions.



Make sure you complete the form clearly, and type it or use dark ink (black ink shows up best when photocopied).

In completing the references section, please give as your referees your current and most recent employers where possible.

*Send your form to **nia** on time **and keep a copy.***

If you would like your receipt of application acknowledged, please enclose a stamp-addressed envelope or postcard, which we will return to you.

Shortlisting

After the closing date, the application forms are read very carefully to see how each person's skills and experience relate to the skills and experience in the person specification, and **applicants who meet requirements marked "X" on the A (application) column will be shortlisted for interview.** Only information contained in the application will be considered in making the decision to shortlist.

Interviews

The interview panel is normally made up of three people who ask each candidate questions covering the relevant criteria. The questions are intended to allow you to expand on your application and to show the panel how far you meet the essential requirements of the post. Shortlisted candidates will be asked to complete a task/presentation either at or before the interviews. You will have the opportunity to ask questions about the job, conditions of service etc.

Panel members have to keep a record of their assessment of each candidate so that the reasons of their decision are clear and consistent. You should therefore not be worried about the panel taking notes.

Feedback

If you are unsuccessful and feel that feedback on your application and/or interview would be helpful in applying for other jobs, please email Rachel Evans, Head of Central Services at revans@niaendingviolence.org.uk who will be pleased to arrange this for you.

nia has been delivering services to women and children who have experienced domestic and sexual violence for 40 years.

The organisation has three main aims, which are to provide services for women, children and young people who have experienced male violence, working to end male violence against women and girls, and to inform and influence policy and public awareness. We achieve these aims by

- providing high quality services for women, girls and children who have experienced or are at risk of male violence,
- increasing awareness of violence against women, girls and children and developing services, contributing to research, debate and policy initiatives to prevent it,
- challenging inequality and discrimination and celebrating diversity,
- empowering and supporting women and children, and
- Increasing and developing the effectiveness of resources through partnership, collaboration and multi-agency action.

Presently, **nia** is delivering a range of services across London, primarily in the East and North of the city, the majority of which are delivered primarily in an outreach capacity. Our services are continually evolving in order to respond to the needs of women who face multiple disadvantage and barriers to accessing services, they currently include:

- **East London Rape Crisis** - for women and girls who have experienced any form of sexual violence -including rape, sexual assault and child sexual abuse - regardless of when it occurred, who it was perpetrated by and whether or not it was reported to the police.
- **The Emma Project** - a pioneering service for women who are escaping domestic and sexual violence and who use substances problematically; more than a third of the women who have lived in the refuge have also been exploited through prostitution. The women who enter the project have frequently been excluded from and/or refused access to other types of refuge provision.
- **Daria House** - a refuge for women who have been sexually exploited, with a particular focus on supporting women who have been exploited through involvement in prostitution. We offer non-judgemental support, information and advocacy. We help women to access housing and welfare benefits, legal advice, healthcare, drug and alcohol services and other specialist services for women in prostitution.
- **Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy (IDVA) Services** - We currently operate two different IDVA services in Haringey and Hackney where outreach workers support women who have been identified by the MARAC as being at high risk of serious domestic violence and homicide. The Hackney and

Haringey services are double accredited holding SafeLives Leading Light status and the Advice Quality Standard for casework with women.

- **IRIS** - a GP training programme and advocacy support to improve the health care responses to domestic violence and abuse. **nia** delivers IRIS in Hackney and Haringey
- **East London Exiting and Advocacy Project, (ELEA)** - offering outreach and one-to-one support to women involved in prostitution. **The ELEA Project** helps women access housing, welfare benefits, legal advice, drugs and alcohol services, specialist counselling and routes to exit prostitution. Women are also supported through access to employment training, education, volunteering and sustainable employment.
- **The Anita Project** -devised to bring about long-term sustainable change for women facing multiple disadvantage and who are involved in prostitution in London. This service includes advocacy, group work and nighttime outreach.

nia is part of ASCENT which is a partnership of 22 specialist organisations within the London Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Consortium, delivering a range of services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

Training and Groupwork

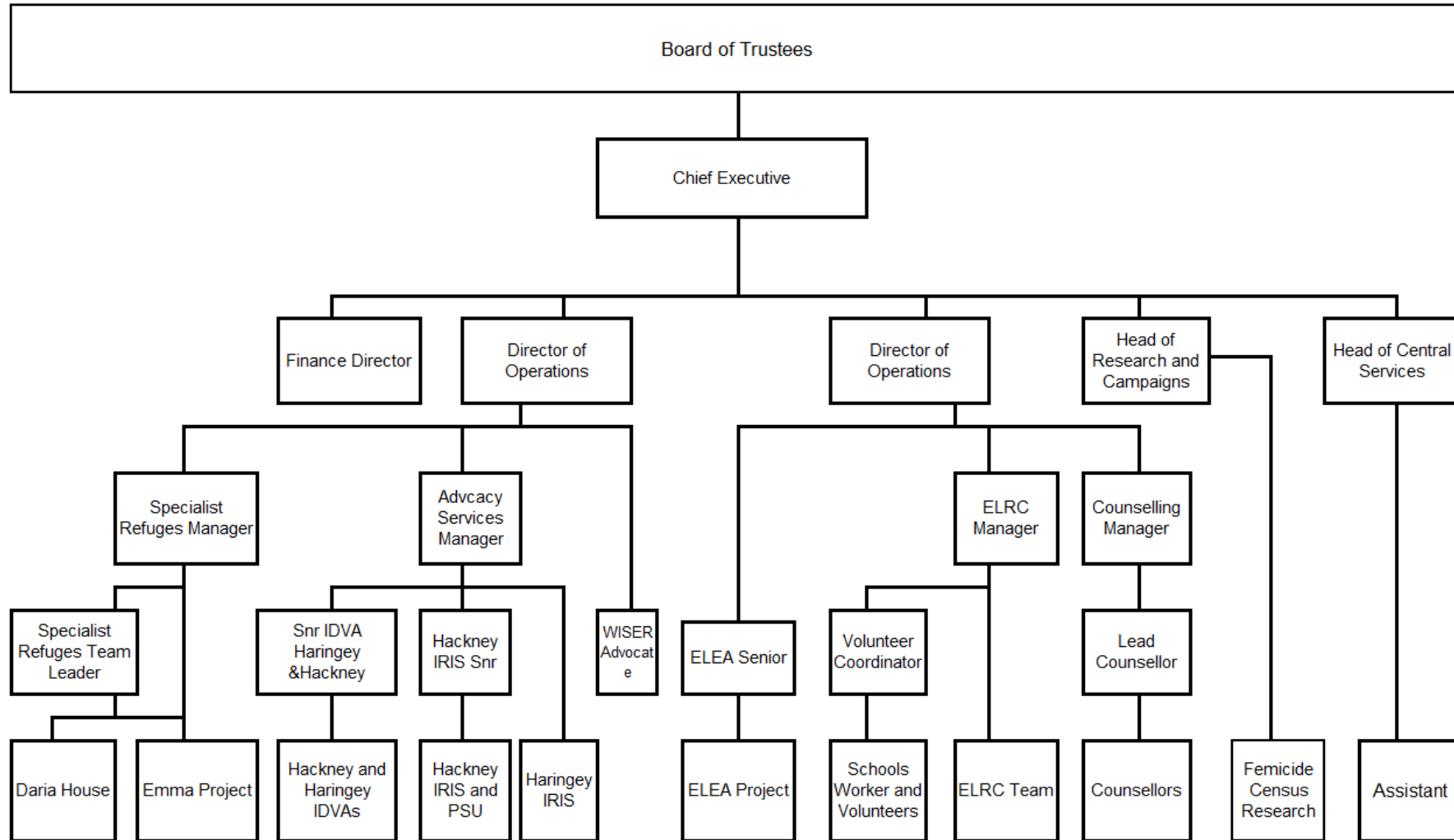
We can provide training and groupwork to agencies, professionals, women's groups and young women.

- Areas we specialise in include
- Sexual violence
- Improving healthcare responses to domestic violence and abuse
- Substance use and violence against women
- Prostitution and sexual exploitation
- Working with young women
- Feminist approaches to men's violence against women and girls

How to contact us

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nia provides a wide range of services for women and children who have experienced sexual and domestic violence. The organisation has three main aims: to provide services for women, girls and children who have experienced men's violence; contributing to ending male violence against women and girls, and to inform and influence policy and public awareness.

Our Central Services team has responsibility for the organisational finance, facilities and central administration function and provides the management team with HR support.

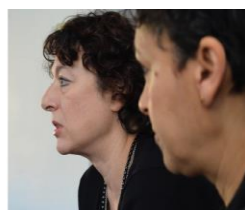
We are seeking to recruit to the following new post within the team:

Post Title:	Finance Assistant
Ref:	nia 25
Team:	Central Services
Hours:	17.5 hrs. per week
Salary:	£12,000 p.a

This post will be responsible for providing high quality support to the Central Services team to ensure the effective and efficient operation of the central admin function within the organisation. We are looking for an organised woman with a flexible approach to work in our busy Head Office to help ensure that all of the services run efficiently, be a team player with the ability to work independently.

Finance Assistant Duties:

You will be responsible for all purchase ledger transactions, including receipt of orders coding costs, posting invoices, prepare payments to suppliers, approve and deal with supplier queries, reconcile accounts, Credit Control Via telephone / Email , undertake general finance administration and other ad hoc duties. Knowledge of SAGE Accounts essential.





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You will be a highly organised and self-motivated feminist who is passionate about ending male violence against women and girls. You will have a 'can-do' approach and demonstrable commitment to **nia's** feminist approach to supporting women and their children. Due to the nature of this work the post holder will often be party to highly confidential and very personal matters – you must therefore be committed and able to maintain the very highest standards of confidentiality at all times.

Please visit our website www.niaendingviolence.org.uk and download a job profile and application pack. CV's will **not** be accepted. Applications can be returned via email to administrator@niaendingviolence.org.uk

Closing Date: 10am, Friday 21 May 2021
Interview Dates: 2 / 3 June 2021

This post will be subject to an enhanced vetting and barring check and open to women only (exempt under the Equality Act 2010 Schedule 9, Part 1).



JOB PROFILE

Position Title:	Finance Assistant
Team:	Central Services
Hours:	17.5 hours per week
Salary:	£12,000
Line Manager:	Director of Finance

THE ROLE

- The Finance Assistant is responsible for providing finance and administrative support to the Central Services Team who works for the whole organisation.
- The Finance Assistant will be expected to carry out a wide range of financial, organisational and administrative tasks, and to liaise confidently with project staff, service users, suppliers and voluntary, public and private sector organisations

A. AIMS OF THE POSITION:

- To ensure the effective and efficient operation and development of **the nia project** in order to assist women and children who have experienced gender based violence
- All employees and volunteers are required to adhere to, and work in a manner which positively promotes the aims and objectives of the organisation

B. SPECIFIC AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

Finance Administration

To provide support to the Director of Finance with the day to day financial accounting and payroll processes:

A. Bookkeeping

- Processing and Inputting into SAGE Line 50 accounts all purchase invoices, payments, sales invoices and receipts
- Perform supplier statement reconciliations, investigating and resolving any unpaid balances
- Investigate and answer routine queries from clients and suppliers
- To run the Purchase Order system being responsible for matching and coding, and to ensure all items on orders have been received correctly and coded in liaison with budget holders
- To assist the Director of Finance with Housing Benefit and Service charge processing, checking, filing and correspondence as required

B. Management Accounts

- Assist the Director of Finance with the end of month accounts and in the preparation for the end of year audit.

C. Budgeting and Planning

- Assist the Director of Finance in the preparation of budgets.

D. Invoice Management

- To scrutinise and check invoices for accuracy, check goods and services have been received
- Payment of correctly authorised invoices
- Prepare sales invoices as required and exercise credit control
- File all sales and purchase invoices

E. Payroll

- To assist the Director of Finance with administrative duties in connection with HR and payroll
- Provide assistance to staff as and when required in relation to personnel

Central Administration

- To provide a telephone and reception function ensuring an accurate, efficient and polite service to all users
- To deal with enquiries from service users and outside agencies and redirecting calls to the appropriate service
- To prepare relevant booking, ordering and monitoring of goods and services
- To obtain quotes for goods and services, including travel in accordance with financial procedures
- Typing of correspondence as requested
- Coordinating meeting agenda, take minutes and distribute as requested
- Act as Fire Warden and first aider (appropriate training will be provided)
- Assisting the Head of Central Services as requested

C. GENERAL:

- Acting in accordance with **nia's** policies and procedures
- Work in a manner which positively promotes the aims and objectives of the organisation.
- Positively upholding and promoting **nia's** feminist ethos and commitment to equality, diversity and anti-discriminatory practices
- Ensure effective communication with other teams in **nia**

- Compliance with the Health and Safety at Work Act, and taking reasonable care of personal safety and that of other persons and resources whilst at work
- Attend and participate in regular training when required
- Attend and participate in regular supervision, staff and other meetings as necessary and attending management committee meetings when required.
- Participate in the Out of Hours service
- Carrying out your own administrative duties
- Undertaking any duties consistent with the post as may be reasonably requested by the Senior Managers, the Chief Executive and Board of Trustees
- Developing and ensuring user participation within and external to **nia**

Please note this job description is intended to outline the main duties of the post and may change as the post, service and organisation develop

PERSON SPECIFICATION Finance Assistant

Key to table

A	Application areas will be used to shortlist
T	Test
I	Tested at interview stage

Please provide a supporting statement addressing all shortlisting criteria marked with “X” in the Application column (maximum word count: 2,500 words).

		A	I	T
1	A thorough understanding of administrative tasks within a busy office.	x	x	
2	Knowledge of the issues facing women, children and young people affected by violence against women	x	x	
3	Able to operate a telephone first response to women who have experienced male violence against women in non-judgemental, non-directive and anti-discriminatory approach to empowering women		x	
4	Experience in performing a wide range of administrative tasks including handling incoming and outgoing post, answering the telephone, taking minutes and fully organising meetings, keeping records, ordering stationery and distribution	x	x	x
5	Experience in a finance role for a commercial or not-for-profit organisation	x	x	
6	Good understanding of accounting processes and procedures	x	x	
7	Excellent organisational skills to enable the smooth running of the office (policies, systems and filing).	x	x	
8	Numerate and experience of the accounting software SAGE 50	x	x	
9	Some experience whether in a personal or professional capacity of coordinating fundraising data		x	x
10	Self-motivated and a willingness to accept responsibility, co-operative, and a flexible attitude to work, routine and tasks		x	
11	An ability to work calmly under pressure with excellent time management skills. An ability to use initiative		x	x
12	Excellent communication skills with the ability to communicate effectively <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with service users and statutory, voluntary and other stakeholders • verbally and in writing • advocating for service users, raising awareness of violence against women and girls and representing nia 	x	x	x
13	Excellent IT skills – a good understanding of Microsoft Office, particularly Outlook, and the ability to develop skills in reference to and office and financial systems.	x	x	
14	Evidence of continuing professional development and relevant professional qualifications/ training	x		
15	Able to work evenings and weekends occasionally when required		x	

16	Ability to work independently and within a team, to plan and manage a complex workload, meet deadlines, problem-solve and respond to unplanned demands		x	x
17	High level of self-motivation and ability to think creatively with a 'can-do' attitude that can inspire others		x	
18	A feminist perspective on how gender, social, economic, race, cultural, linguistic, religious and sexual orientation issues may impact on people's lives	x	x	x