

Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in this post, **Team Leader - Specialist Refuges (Islington)** with **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 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

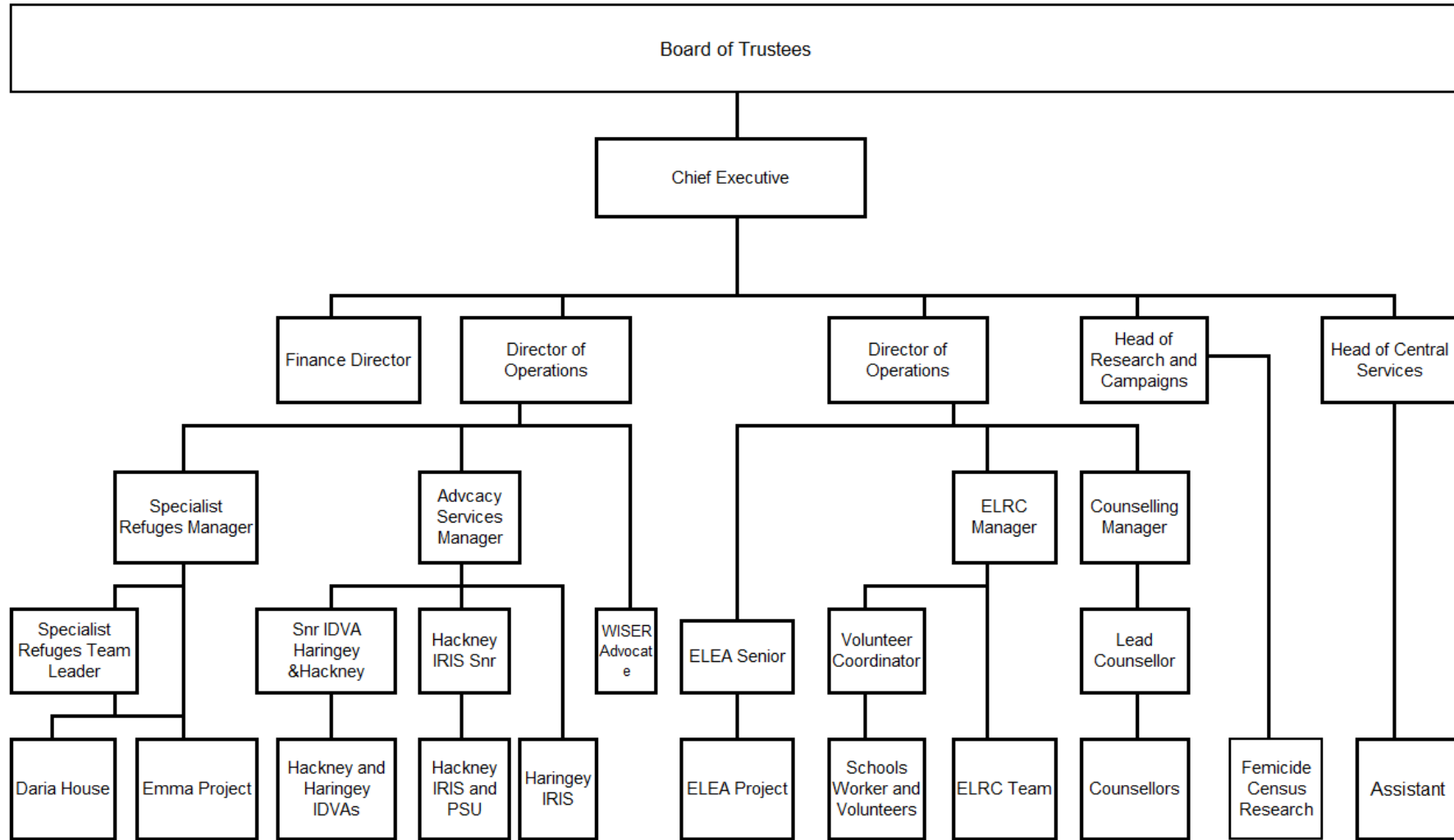
We can provide training and groupwork to agencies, professionals, women's groups and young women.

- 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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ADVERT

nia has been delivering services to women, girls and children who have been subjected to sexual and domestic violence and abuse, including prostitution, since 1975. 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.

nia's Specialist Refuge service holds the Women's Aid Quality Standard mark. The refuges team provides specialist accommodation and support services to women who experience multiple disadvantage including involvement in prostitution and other forms of sexual violence and exploitation, domestic violence, and problematic substance use.

We are seeking to recruit to the following post:

Job Title: Team Leader - Specialist Refuges (Islington)
Job Ref: nia 81
Hours: 35 hours per week
Salary: £31,000 - £34,000 dependent on experience and qualification

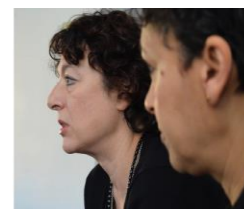
The post is currently funded until March 2023.

We're looking for a highly organised and self-motivated woman who is passionate about ending violence against women. You'll have a 'can-do' approach and demonstrable commitment to **nia's** feminist approach to supporting women and girls.

To apply, 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, Thursday 19th May 2022
Interview date: TBC

The post is subject to an enhanced vetting and barring check and open to women only. Genuine Occupational Requirement (GOR), Schedule 9 (Work; Exceptions), Part 1 (Occupational Requirements), of the Equality Act (2010) applies.



JOB PROFILE

Position Title: Team Leader - Specialist Refuges (Islington)

Hours: 35 hours per week

Salary Range: £31,000 - £34,000 dependent on experience and qualification

Line Manager: Service Manager

A. AIM OF THE POSITION

To ensure a smooth running of day to day service delivery of the refuge and resettlement service across our refuges. You will be based in our new service in Islington but will also be expected to work in our other refuges in Camden and Haringey. We collectively provide 18 units of accommodation to women who have problematic substance use and who may have been sexually exploited through their involvement in prostitution.

To support the Service Manager to deliver a high-quality support service across **nia's** specialist refuge service.

B. SPECIFIC AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

1. Operational Management and Support Work

The Team Leader has responsibility for overseeing activities to ensure high quality support and services in accordance with the organisation's policies and procedures and current best practice.

- To ensure the service users needs are met through high standards of key working including risk assessment, support planning, safety planning and group work.
- The Team Leader will carry a small caseload of no more than three women in addition to overseeing the case work provided by the Support Worker.
- To proactively incorporate equalities issues and a positive approach to diversity into day to day working and ensure an effective response to harassment, oppressive practice, and discrimination.
- To maintain a safe and welcoming environment.
- To ensure the building and grounds are in a good state of repair, that HMO buildings standards are adhered to, that Health & Safety legislative and good practice requirements are met, and that prompt corrective action is taken when required
- Ensuring the implementation of, and adherence to, the housing services licence agreement by housing service users.

- To ensure service user participation and involvement in the running of the service and their active engagement with the wider community.
- To respond to formal and informal complaints as appropriate within the Complaints Policy and Procedures
- To deputise for the Service Manager (Specialist Refuges) in her absence / as required.

2. Information and Financial Management

- Managing the allocation of refuge spaces, maximising the collection and administration of monies i.e. Service Charge, non-HB rental income etc.
- Supporting the Service Manager to ensure that the service operates within budget and in compliance with **nia**'s financial regulations
- Implementing and monitoring appropriate administration systems
- Developing information resources
- Produce written reports for internal and external use as required
- Contribute to fundraising applications as directed by the Management / Senior Management Team.

3. Quality, Performance, and Partnerships Management

- To work with the Management Team in developing quality systems to deliver service standards and improve on service performance
- To ensure the timely completion of stakeholder and funder returns
- To ensure any external and internal standards are met and that performance is continually improved
- To maintain constructive and effective working relationships with partners, funders, and other stakeholders
- To actively engage with appropriate local, regional, and national working groups and for a
- To positively promote the service and **nia** and positively represent the interests of all women, children, and young people who have been subjected to male violence, in particular those who have been exploited through prostitution.
- Ensure that the project works in conjunction with other teams within the organisation and adheres to the overall aims and development of **nia**

4. Staff Management

- Responsibility for line management of Support Workers and Assistant Support Workers
- To be responsible for monitoring performance including training, absence management, first stage disciplinary and grievance procedures, performance appraisals etc.
- Ensuring that formal and informal support, guidance, and case work management is given to support workers including monitoring of workloads and ensuring accountability for quality of work
- To maintain a welcoming environment and a can-do approach within the service

- Maintain cover of the project through devising a rota
- Participating in the recruitment and selection of staff including the induction and probation of new members of staff
- To ensure that the team operate in accordance with **nia**'s policies and procedures and that the team maintain confidentiality of information in relation to clients of the service.
- Organising and attending regular team meetings
- Contributing to employee record keeping and other administrative forms
- To support the Service Manager to ensure adequate cover across all sites.

5 General Duties

- Acting in accordance with **nia** policies, procedures and ethos including:
- Attending and participating in regular training when required
- Ensure effective communication with other teams in **nia**
- Attending and participating in regular supervision, staff and other meetings as necessary
- Maintaining up to date knowledge on issues relevant to service users and the violence against women field
- To develop, foster and maintain excellent relationships with all relevant external stakeholders and organisations
- Carrying out your own administrative duties
- Participating in **nia**
- Undertaking any duties consistent with the post as may be reasonably requested by your line manager
- To work within a rota system, including evening and weekend work

Please note this job description is intended to outline the main duties of the post and may change as the post and organisation develops.

PERSON SPECIFICATION Specialist Refuges Team Leader

Key to table

A	Application Form: 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	Substantial experience of working within the Violence Against Women and/or Drug and Alcohol / Homelessness sectors/ and or similar field	X		
2	Knowledge of the issues facing women, children and young people affected by violence against women- specifically sexual exploitation and prostitution- along with the ability to identify women’s individual and collective needs	X	X	X
3	Experience of staff or volunteer line management and supervision	X	X	
4	Knowledge of relevant legislation pertaining to Safeguarding/Health and Safety		X	
5	Experience of working in partnership with external agencies and representing an organisation at stakeholder meetings		X	
6	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 issues and representing nia	X	X	X
7	Ability to critically assess own performance and experience of delivering services to meet quality standards and agreed outcomes and outputs		X	
8	Ability to prepare reports for funders and external bodies		X	
9	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	
10	A broad base of administrative skills including Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and using databases		X	X
11	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
12	Non-judgemental, non-directive and anti-discriminatory approach to empowering women	X	X	
13	High level of self-motivation and ability to think creatively with a ‘can-do’ attitude that can inspire others		X	
14	Evidence of continuing professional development and relevant qualifications/training	X		
15	Able to work at evenings and occasional weekends	X	X	
16	To participate in the out of hours rota	X	X	