

Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in this post, **IRIS Advocate Educator – Hackney & City of London** with **nia**.

This application pack includes

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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.
- **Jan's Place** - Jan's Place opened in autumn 2022 and became **nia's** third specialist refuge offering trauma informed accommodation and support to women living with multiple disadvantages, in particular problematic substance use (including illegal and/or prescription drugs and/or alcohol) who have been subject to domestic violence and abuse, recognising that this may overlap with sexual violence and 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

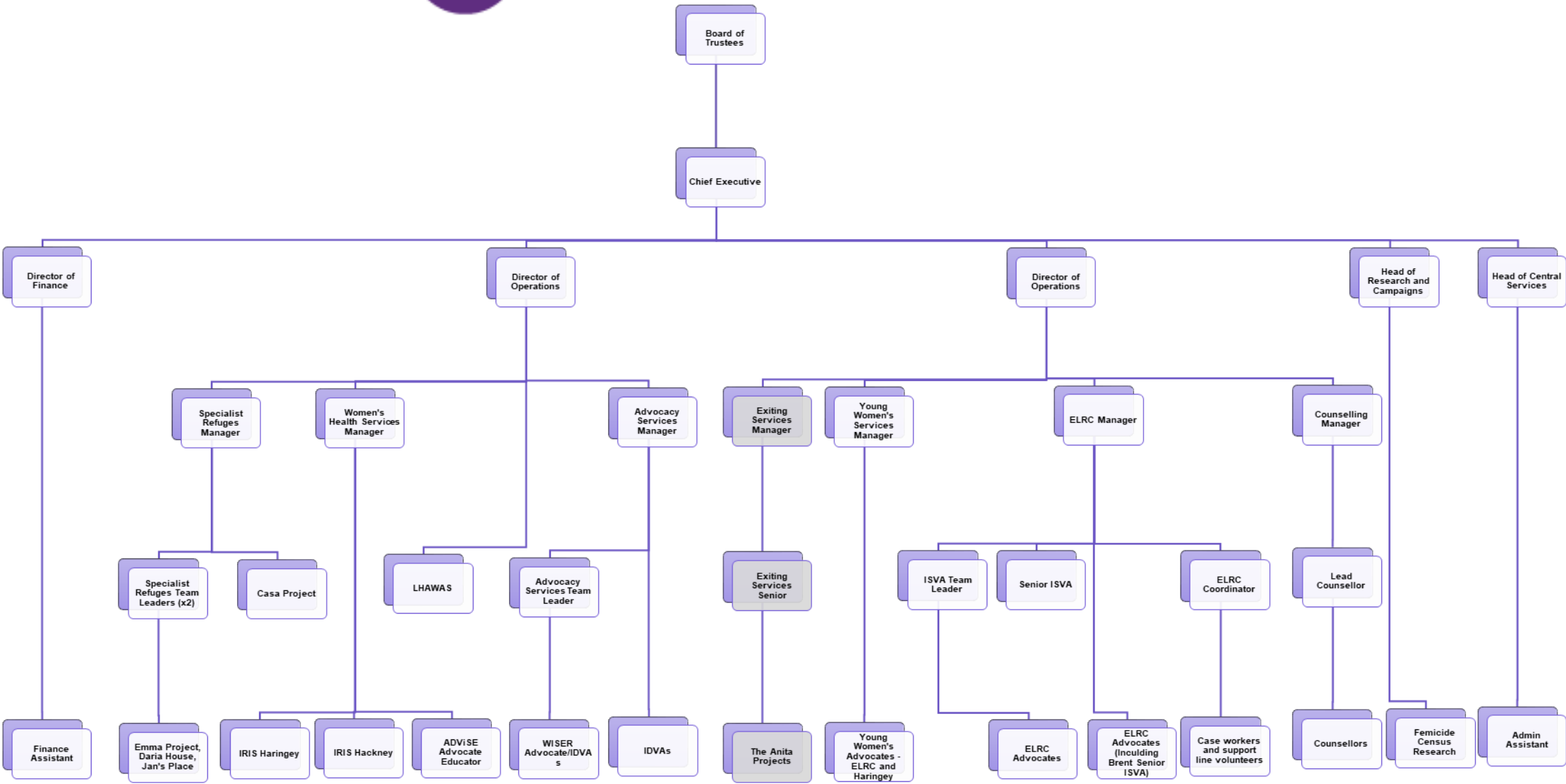
We can provide training and groupwork to agencies, professionals, women's groups and young women.

- 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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Funding for these services expires in March 2023. Possibility of further funding but not ongoing so will have to end (and hopefully restart).



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.

IRIS improves the quality of care given by GP surgeries to women experiencing domestic violence. IRIS is a collaboration between LB Hackney (public health) and **nia**. The IRIS Advocate Educator will work alongside the Advocacy Services Manager to provide training across GP practices across the City of London and London borough of Hackney and provide advocacy to support women referred to the service.

We are seeking to recruit to the following post:

Job Title: IRIS Advocate Educator – Hackney & City of London
Job Ref: nia 161
Hours: 35 hours per week
Salary: £27,000 - £30,000 dependent on experience and qualification
Location: Hybrid approach to in-office & remote working

The post is currently funded until 31st March 2026 with a possibility of further extension.

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, 14th March 2024
Interview date: 25th March 2024

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:	IRIS Advocate Educator – Hackney & City of London
Salary:	£27,000 - £30,000 dependent on experience and qualification
Hours:	35 hours per week
Term:	Currently funded until 31st March 2026
Team:	Women's Health Services Team
Line Manager:	Women's Health Services Manager

A. AIMS OF THE POSITION:

- Building and maintaining an effective relationship with general practice teams
- Providing individual needs-led information, support and advocacy (including sign-posting) for women who disclosed their past or current experiences of DVA.

B. SPECIFIC AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

The IRIS advocate has responsibility for:

1. Advocacy and support service

- Provide support to women experiencing DVA referred by primary care from participating practices
- Provide support to women experiencing DVA who self-refer from participating practices
- Provide direct casework support, advice, information and advocacy to women experiencing DVA through telephone contact, and/or meetings at the relevant practice
- Work with women experiencing DVA to increase their personal safety (and that of any children) and inform them of their rights and options in terms of housing, legal and welfare rights
- To develop good working relationships and liaise with outside agencies when needed. This will include referral to colleagues within the specialist agency, to other specialist DVA services, MARAC or other external agencies when appropriate
- Keep accurate and secure records of all work done with or on behalf of clients and produce written reports as requested, including a monthly report of referrals from clinicians participating in the IRIS programme and the take up of these referrals advocacy including outputs and patient outcomes
- To contribute to monitoring and evaluation of the project.
- Feedback on the use of the electronic template linked to the project (HARKS) and provide patient feedback and case updates /outcomes.

2. Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- In depth knowledge and understanding of the issues facing women who have experienced DVA, with specific knowledge of the effects on health

- Understanding and knowledge of DV risk assessment and screening tools (for male victims)
- Specialist knowledge and/or experience of working with women and children experiencing DVA and ability to communicate sensitively and compassion with victims and survivors
- Knowledge of a range of options for and rights of women experiencing DVA and proven appliances of these concepts
- Experience of providing and reviewing training and ability to provide on-going training to health professionals
- Experience of building and maintaining partnerships
- Ability to liaise with external organisations
- Ability to work under pressure and to plan and prioritise own workload
- Ability to communicate effectively with a range of professionals
- Ability to establish and maintain appropriate boundaries when working with women who are experiencing crisis
- Ability to maintain effective office systems
- Ability to manage time effectively and prioritise competing tasks
- Knowledge of relevant legislation relating to DVA
- An understanding of the needs of minority women experiencing DVA
- Excellent verbal and written communications skills including report writing and presentation
- Understanding of and commitment to equal opportunities

3. Attitude and Presentation

- Commitment to and work according to the principles of violence against women and girls as agreed by the City & Hackney Partnership
- Commitment to anti-discriminatory practice
- Able to critically assess own performance and reflect on own practice
- Reliable and trustworthy
- Efficient and punctual
- Consistent and flexible – able to deal with changing and competing demands
- Ability to think creatively and show initiative
- Non-judgemental and non-directive approach to empowering women along with the ability to understand the individual needs of women.

4. General responsibilities

- Prioritising women, upholding and promoting feminist, trauma-informed and anti-racist practice
- Promoting the aims and objectives of **nia** and representing the organisation at various fora and developing partnerships with appropriate organisations
- Acting in accordance with **nia** policies and procedures and ethos
- Attending and participating in regular training when required

- Attending and participating in regular supervision, staff and other meetings as necessary.
- Carrying out your own administrative duties including maintaining accurate records, producing written reports
- Undertaking any duties consistent with the post as may be reasonably requested by the Director of Operations, Chief Executive, Board of Trustees etc.

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

IRIS Advocate Educator – Hackney & City of London

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).

Experience and Knowledge		A	I	T
1	Substantial experience of working within the Violence Against Women and/or Children/Young People’s sectors or similar field.	X		
2	Knowledge of the issues facing women, children and young people affected by violence against women along with the ability to identify women’s individual and collective needs.	X	X	X
3	Extensive experience in providing advice, advocacy and support in two or more of the following areas; housing, welfare, violence against women.	X	X	
4	Experiencing of working within safeguarding frameworks and a good knowledge of legal and welfare issues relating to children and young people.		X	
5	Experience of risk assessment, safety planning and support of survivors of sexual violence.		X	
6	Experience of working in partnership with other agencies and ability to advocate within a multi-agency framework putting forward a feminist woman-centred perspective.		X	
Skills and Abilities				
7	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 gender violence issues and representing nia.	X	X	X
8	Ability to critically assess own performance and experience of delivering services to meet quality standards and agreed outcomes and outputs.		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
Personal Attributes and Circumstances				
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	
12	Non-judgemental, non-directive and anti-discriminatory approach to empowering women.		X	
13	High level of self-motivation and ability to think creatively with a ‘can-do’ attitude that can inspire others.		X	
14	Able to work weekends and an additional evening occasionally if required.	X		
Education				
15	Evidence of continuing professional development and relevant professional qualifications/training.	X		