

Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in this post, **Young Women and Girls Advocate** 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 complete 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.

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

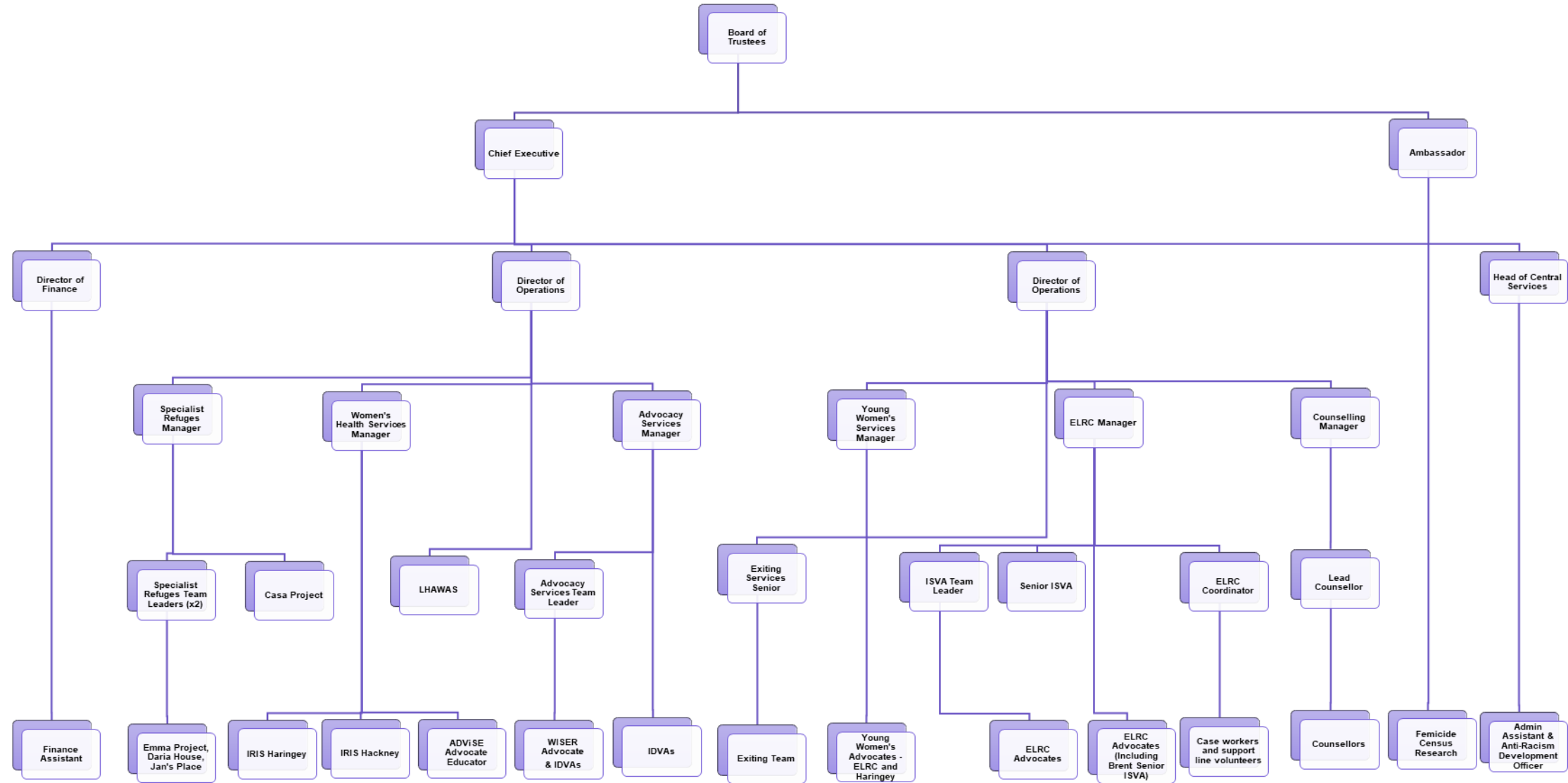
We can provide training and groupwork to agencies, professionals, women's groups and young women.

- 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

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For nearly 50 years, **nia** has provided high quality, women-led services across North and East London. **nia** has three main aims: to provide services for women, children and young people who have experienced male violence, working to end men's violence against women and girls, and to inform and influence policy and public awareness.

nia's values, and our commitment to upholding them, set us apart. We put women first – always and without hesitation: we believe women, we are run by women, for women. We leave no woman behind: we challenge inequality and discrimination and believe that uniting women of all backgrounds is essential to ending the sex-based oppression of women.

East London Rape Crisis provides free, confidential specialist support for women and girls who have been raped or experienced any other form of sexual violence or abuse at any time in their lives, regardless of whether or not they have reported to the police. We offer confidential and independent support. Services include advocacy, emotional and practical support, one-to-one counselling and group work.

We are seeking to recruit to the following post:

Job Title: Young Women and Girls Advocate
Job Ref: nia 222
Hours: 35 hours per week (including 1 evening per week and occasional Saturday mornings)
Team: East London Rape Crisis
Salary: £29,000- £32,000 dependent on experience *and qualification*
Location: Hybrid approach to office, outreach and home working. Current office locations are Islington and Dagenham Heathway.
Term: Permanent

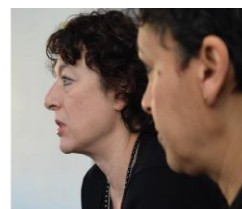
In the role of Young Women and Girls Advocate you will hold a caseload of young women and girls aged 11-17 years old, who have been subjected to sexual violence. You will support those whose choose to report through the criminal justice process. In addition, the role involves providing broader support to young women and girls to address the multiple impacts of sexual violence. This post involves travel across East London, and a hybrid model of home and office working.

This is an exciting opportunity to join a growing Rape Crisis Service in a supportive feminist organisation. 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. We particularly encourage applications from Black, Asian and minoritised women, young women with lived experience and those who have experience of accessing services as a young woman/child.

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 recruitment@niaendingviolence.org.uk.

Closing date: 10:00am, Monday 7 September 2026
Interview date: Wednesday 16 September 2026

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.



Position Title: Young Women and Girls Advocate
 Hours: 35 hours per week (including up to 1 evening a week and Saturday mornings on a rota basis)
 Term: Permanent
 Team: East London Rape Crisis
 Line Manager: Senior Young Women and Girls Advocate
 Location: Hybrid model of office, outreach and home working.
 Current office locations are Islington and Dagenham Heathway.

A. AIMS OF THE POSITION:

- To provide pro-active advocacy and casework support to young women and girls aged 11-17 years old who have experienced or at risk of sexual violence; including those who may be gang involved or associated.
- To support young women and girls throughout the criminal justice process, if they choose to report.

SPECIFIC AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

1. Advocacy and Support

- To ensure that the voices and needs of young women and girls experiencing sexual violence are heard and represented.
- To enable young women and girls to understand and access their rights
- To provide crisis intervention, safety assessment and planning
- To address the multiple impacts of sexual violence by working with young women and girls to develop and enhance self-protective factors including but not limited to self-esteem, confidence and safety planning skills
- To work with the wider young women and girls' team to deliver group work and prevention activities
- To travel across East London to ensure that young women and girls are able to access support from nia and other agencies

2. Criminal Justice Advocacy

- Providing information and advice on the legal framework - reporting, the investigation, suspect identification and support during reporting and statement-taking including a Victim Personal Statement
- Pre-trial support including information and advice on the prosecution process, court proceedings and giving evidence
- Information about the trial including the role of a witness, the outline of a trial at both Crown Court and Magistrates Court, giving evidence, special measures, attendance at court with clients for pre-court visits and trial
- Post-trial support following either a guilty or not guilty verdict
- Liaison with the police Sexual Offences Investigative Techniques Trained Officer (SOIT) to obtain and relay information on case progress
- Liaison with Witness Care Unit, Witness Service and the Vulnerable and Intimidated Witness services
- Information and advice on Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme

3. Safeguarding

- Maintaining confidentiality for young women and girls, in line with nia's Safeguarding Policy
- Assessing safeguarding concerns and to discuss these concerns with the safeguarding lead.
- Supporting the young women and girls through this process where appropriate and to ensure that they are kept informed at all times
- Equipping young women and girls with information, skills and resources they need to make informed choices, access services, access their rights and to have their voices heard
- Understanding the nuanced nature of risk assessment and risk manifestation and work with young women and girls and local agencies to develop a shared understanding of risk and negotiate robust risk management plans to maximise external protective factors
- Utilising a multi-agency approach, working with voluntary and statutory professional networks surrounding the young woman, including social care, education, health/mental health, youth justice services, police, etc.

4. Information & Support Services

- To undertake shifts on the Information & Support line on a regular basis, including up to 1 weekday evening per week and Saturday mornings on a rota basis
- To provide support and guidance to volunteers who are providing Information & Support Line services

5. Information provision, administration and monitoring

- To manage files and casework in accordance with nia's policies and procedures
- Carrying out service user feedback surveys
- Utilising the Rape Crisis database for all work with victim-survivors
- Responding to requests for data and information from your line manager and the wider management and senior management team.
- To represent the work of both nia and Rape Crisis at relevant forums

6. General Duties

The general duties of the position include:

- Prioritising women, upholding and promoting feminist, trauma-informed and anti-racist practice
- Acting in accordance with **nia's** policies and procedures, including
- Work in a manner which positively promotes the aims and objectives of the organisation.
- 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.
- 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

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 Young Women and Girls Advocate

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 the shortlisting criteria marked with “X” in the Application column below (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- specifically sexual violence- along with the ability to identify women’s individual and collective needs.		X	X
3	Experience of working with civil and criminal justice and legislative systems relevant to women and girls who have experienced sexual violence and supporting them through the criminal justice system (<i>desirable</i>)	X	X	
5	Experience of risk assessment, safety planning and support of survivors of sexual violence.		X	X
6	Experience of working in partnership with external agencies and representing an organisation at stakeholder meetings.		X	
Skills and Abilities				
7	Excellent communication skills with the ability to communicate effectively - with service users and statutory, voluntary and other stakeholders - verbally and in writing Advocating for service users, raising awareness of male violence issues and representing nia .	X	X	X
8	Ability to deliver services to meet agreed outcomes and outputs		X	
9	Ability to support and communicate sensitively with women and girls who may be distressed/in crisis whilst maintaining appropriate boundaries		X	
10	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	
11	A broad base of administrative skills including; Word, Powerpoint, Excel and using databases.		X	X
Personal Attributes and Circumstances				
12	A feminist perspective on how sex, social, economic, race, cultural, linguistic, religious and sexual orientation issues may impact on people’s lives.	X	X	
13	Non-judgemental, non-directive and anti-discriminatory approach to empowering women and girls.		X	
14	High level of self-motivation and ability to think creatively with a ‘can-do’ attitude that can inspire others.		X	
15	Able to work up to one evening per week and Saturday’s on a rota basis to provide cover to the Information and Support service.	X		
Education				
17	Evidence of continuing professional development and relevant professional qualifications/training.	X		
18	An ISVA qualification (<i>desirable</i>)	X		