

Wales School for Social Prescribing Research (WSSPR) are seeking new

public members for their steering group

Opportunity category:

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Deadline: 12:00 on 4 December 2020

Who can get involved?

Individuals who:

- have experience of social prescribing
- are comfortable in sharing their views and ideas at meetings
- have the ability to attend meetings via video conference
- have ability to download and comment on documents

You need to be registered with the involvement community to submit an expression of interest. Members of the public who have not registered are invited to submit a [registration form](#) to become part of the involvement community.

Who is the opportunity with?

- Wales School for Social Prescribing Research (WSSPR) and Wales Centre for Primary and Emergency Care Research (PRIME)

Location

- Meetings will take place online

Background information

The Wales School for Social Prescribing Research (WSSPR) is a virtual all-Wales school which was funded by Health and Care Research Wales in April 2020 for three-years.

Social prescribing in Wales supports people to maintain their general health and well-being and is a non-medical intervention. People take up social prescribing for

many reasons - to maintain physical and mental health, to improve their well-being, to reduce social isolation to name a few.

Popularity for social prescribing is growing, however, the evidence to support social prescribing is weak and researchers have recommended that a framework is created to improve the quality of social prescribing evaluations. The main aim of WSSPR is to develop this framework, along with training materials, a glossary of terms and guidance on how to report findings.

In addition, the WSSPR has four themes, which have several linked projects. The themes are evaluation, social value, education and well-being. Over the funding period, members of WSSPR will be doing collaborative projects within these themes – project details can be found on the website www.wsspr.wales.

What is required?

Two individuals to become members of the WSSPR Steering Group. Successful individuals will be required to attend monthly steering group meetings via Microsoft Teams which will last around 2 hours.

In addition to the meetings, individuals will be required to read and review papers for the meeting which should take around an hour per month and provide their perspective on proposed research and any research ideas which should take about an hour per month.

What reward is offered for taking part?

The University of South Wales will:

- Offer payment for time of £20.00 per hour (people can request less if they are in receipt of state benefits).

For those in receipt of state benefit confidential advice is available via the [Benefits Advice Service for Involvement](#).

- As a registered member of the community you will also have access to support from the public involvement and engagement team and the Health and Care Research Wales training programme.

What further support is available?

- Successful individuals will be provided with the contact details of key contacts within WSSPR who will provide support for any queries.

How do I register my interest?

- Complete an [expression of interest \(EOI\) form](#).

Access to expressions of interest is secure, restricted and dealt with confidentially.

Next steps

The public involvement and engagement team is advertising this opportunity on behalf of the opportunity lead (researcher and/or other professional) to find members of the public to be involved in their work.

We will review and send on appropriate expressions of interest to the opportunity lead (researcher and/or other professional).

You will be contacted either by the team or by the opportunity lead (researcher and/or other professional).

- If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us by [email](#) or call 02920 230 457.