

Ashiana provides a specialist service for women and girls from South Asian, Turkish and Iranian backgrounds who have experienced violence against women and girls (VAWG) by providing specialist refuge, advice, support and counselling to empower them to make informed choices and decisions about their future. It also aims to raise awareness of VAWG, including harmful practices such as forced marriage, honour based violence and female genital mutilation, with statutory and non-statutory agencies, professionals and the wider community.

**Female Housing Support & Advice worker**

**£27,255 p.a. pro rata**

**London**

**Full time- 35hpw**

Alongside the Management Committee, the Director, Managers and other workers, you will be responsible for the effective running of the Project ensuring that it meets the needs of young South Asian, Middle Eastern and Iranian women who have been made homeless as a result of physical, sexual, emotional or mental abuse and women resettled by the Project. You will be a sensitive individual, aware of Asian, Middle Eastern & Iranian cultural and community needs in all aspects of their duties and responsibilities

You will:

- To work with service users living at the refuge to ensure their needs are being met, through effective advocacy, providing practical support and working with a range of relevant statutory and voluntary agencies, in line with our agreed practices and procedures.
- To provide Pan-London Housing advice and casework in the Advice Team in order to support to women (aged 16+) affected by all forms of VAWG, achieving positive outcomes
- Identifying and developing strong partnerships and links across London voluntary and statutory housing providers to improve housing options for service users.

Applicants must have:

- Minimum of post 2 years' experience of working with BME women and girls that have been subjected to violence, homelessness and welfare rights issues is essential.
- Good communication skills, both verbally and in writing
- Ability to foster supportive, professional relationships with service users
- Ability to prioritise workload, work on your own initiative, work under pressure and meet tight deadlines as necessary.

All candidates must have fluency in at least one of the following languages: Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi, Gujarati, Bengali, Turkish or Farsi.

Some evening and weekend work is required.

Please note that we are a women only organisation and all roles are for female workers in accordance with section 7.2 (e) of the Sex Discrimination Act.

**To apply, please go to: <http://ashiana.org.uk/contact-us/vacancies>**

**Closing date: 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 12 Midnight**

**Interview Date: 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

We are an equal opportunities employer

