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JOB ADVERT: Mental Health Development Worker

**£18,000 (£30,000 FTE) + travel expenses,
(fixed term contract for 12 months with possible extension subject to funding)**

Mental health has been a common theme in much of TCT's work, featuring strongly in its work on social and financial inclusion, and on community cohesion and integration. It was one of three priorities identified by the Wolverhampton Truth Commission. In 2021, the Diocese of Lichfield is giving TCT responsibility for its church-based mental health work, which had developed over several years through the introduction of the Lifting the Lid course and the training of over 80 people on the two-day Mental Health First Aid course. Covid-19 has had a devastating impact on the mental health of many people, in particular those who were already vulnerable and disadvantaged.

This intervention is to equip church communities across the Diocese to come alongside individuals and their families during periods of mental illness. In particular we recognise that often families, friends and carers struggle to support those close to them experiencing acute episodes of mental ill-health. We anticipate linking with existing local and national programmes supporting churches' engagement with mental health. We believe that the suitably equipped church community can play a significant role during these times.

If you are passionate about making a difference, a self-starter (with the ability to work independently and flexibly) and passionate about championing mental health, this could be the role for you!

You will need to have:

- A good understanding of acute mental ill-health
- Experience of working with people experiencing mental ill-health
- Working or volunteering with a church

Hours of work are **21 hours per week**, with flexibility over which days. Occasional evening and weekend working might be needed.

If you are interested in this role, please complete an application form and send to James Henderson - james.henderson@tctogether.org.uk by **12noon on 11th January 2021**. Interviews for this role will take place via Zoom on **Wednesday 20th January 2021**

As the Mental Health development worker will be required to work closely with churches, it is a genuine occupational requirement that they have a Christian faith.

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