# Ballymun Youth Action Project

**Job Description:** Community Addiction Counsellor Aftercare/ Continuing Care

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**Contract Type:** Part Time (3 Day Week). Fixed Term Contract

**Role:** The Aftercare/ Continuing Care Team provide ongoing interventions and support for individuals who have made significant positive changes in their drug/alcohol use in order to maintain and reinforce those changes. This work will be done on a one to one basis and within a group setting. It involves counselling, but also requires groupwork, key working, programme delivery, community involvement, care planning, and interagency work.

**Job Location.** The Community Addiction Counsellor Aftercare/Continuing Care will be based in the Ballymun Youth Action Project, with some work offsite.

**Principal Duties and Responsibilities.**

* To provide ongoing support for people in recovery, or those that have made significant positive changes in respect of their drug/alcohol use, in order to maintain and reinforce the positive changes.
* To be available for 1-1 counselling and Brief Intervention strategies in various settings.
* To facilitate groupwork.
* To facilitate/deliver programme sessions, where appropriate, within the aftercare and wider BYAP setting.
* To facilitate the development and implementation of integrated Care Plans for individuals.
* To inform and facilitate individuals in accessing other appropriate health care and support services.
* To provide Crisis Interventions for those requiring such a service.
* To support/attend Case Conferences convened in support of individuals and families affected by substance use.
* To provide interventions and support for individuals undertaking detox.
* To impact on drug and related harms associated with drug and alcohol use, particularly in the context of relapse.
* To provide a range of appropriate therapeutic interventions to service users with a connection to Ballymun, while in prison, and post release.
* To assist drug/alcohol users linked with Probation and other justice services.
* To be part of a team providing a range of complimentary therapies that stand alone or complement existing counselling and support services within BYAP.
* To facilitate, through education and training, this community and other communities, to respond to the challenges of drug and alcohol use.
* To contribute to the ongoing review and development of effective strategies to support aftercare.
* To develop and maintain effective communication with the wider “Recovery” movement.
* To creatively work with people towards establishing supportive social networks and facilitating their movement on from addiction services.
* To make full use of formal and informal supervision provided by supervisor and peers.
* To pursue data, knowledge and understanding of the extent of drug related issues.
* To maintain a high standard of professionalism at all times, to adhere to the policies and procedures of the Project.
* The duties and responsibilities of the position are not definitive nor restrictive and can be modified to ensure successful operation of the Project.

**Reporting Relationships**

* The post reports to the Client Services Coordinator within the Ballymun Youth Action Project.