

## ***Request for Student Placement***

**WOMEN'S HEALTH IN THE SOUTH EAST**

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### **WHISE Student Placement Policy**

Women's Health in the South East (WHISE) is a community based Women's Health Service that is run, by women for women and is concerned with all aspects of women's wellbeing. WHISE works to promote women's health by providing consultancy and advocacy, information and referral to women, information workshops to community groups and education and training for health professionals on a wide range of women's health issues. WHISE acknowledges the diversity of women and is open and accessible to all women in the region

### **Student Placement Policy for WHISE**

WHISE recognises the importance of providing support to students in order for them to achieve their learning objectives. To provide support effectively we have developed a clear policy that outlines rights and responsibilities of students and WHISE. Unfortunately, due to diminishing resources, we are limited in what we can offer to students. Even with these limitations it is our intention to provide students with a worthwhile placement. The number of placements must be limited in accordance with these restrictions for example, lack of space, computer facilities, or the availability of a support person.

### **Criteria**

That the student have a good understanding of feminist work practice such as consultative decision-making, consultation, collaboration and non-hierarchical models, evaluation and documentation.

Community Development ,Health Promotion and social work students will be considered for placement in line with this organisation's core business. Due to limited resources, students who are able to work independently are preferred.

That the student have a commitment to working within the context of women's diversity and an understanding of the broader political influences that can impact on the lives of women. These can include issues around sole parenting, sexual preference, age, dispossession of land, violence and ethnicity.

That students present a clear proposal for their placement consistent with the above criteria. Although a clear proposal will assist with assessment, we envisage that it will still be open for negotiation.

### **Assessment**

After initial request, this Student Placement Form will be forwarded to the student.

Student submits proposal via Student Placement Form.

Student proposal is discussed at staff meeting (held Thursday fortnightly). Proposals will be considered not only on the basis of their own merit but in the context of limited resources. Requests from students to participate in existing projects will be assessed in relation to availability of projects.

Students will be informed of the decision as soon as possible.

If students are unsuccessful in their application, they are welcome to re-apply at a later date.

If student is successful in their application the following should be noted. To comply with the Department of Human Services funded services policy, all staff (full-time, part-time and contract), volunteers, including the Council and students on placement are subject to Pre-employment and Pre-placement Safety Screening (Police Check).

In order to better assess whether we will be able to meet your needs, we ask all interested students to fill out this form.

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Name of Course:

Name of Institution:

Year:

Name of contact person at course:

Phone number of contact person:

Length and type of place required (hours? block?)

Reason for requesting placement at WHISE:

Proposal Outline:

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Learning Requirement s(eg, what skills are you hoping to develop – research, community development etc?)

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Type of supervision?

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Supervision Requirements?

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Frequency of supervision?

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Are you able to work and learn within a feminist framework (please elaborate)?

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Relevant background information, experiences and interests?

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Tell us about your ability to work independently

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Do you have computer skills to complement your work?

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Any other relevant information

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