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Where no one has to face
life's challenges alone

Dear Applicant

Welcome to Wimbledon Guild

We're a community charity in Merton offering practical help and support. Wimbledon Guild is going from strength to strength, and we're looking forward to appointing a new **Counsellor** for the **LGBTQ+ Service** to work part-time in our Talking Therapies team.

We describe our services to clients in this way:

Wimbledon Guild is a community charity in Merton offering practical help and support, so you'll never have to face life's challenges alone.

Whether you're worried about money, you're feeling low or overwhelmed, or you're looking for new friends and activities locally, we're always here.

Wimbledon Guild is more than just a place, we're a real community where everyone belongs.

We meet these objectives through a diverse range of services, which we are constantly developing in response to local need and local aspirations. We collaborate closely with partners in the statutory and voluntary sector, and with a thriving group of volunteers. Our Talking Therapies are well known and highly regarded in the local community, and we are a BACP Accredited Service.

As our Counsellor (LGBTQ+ Service), a newly created post currently funded for 5 years, you will be responsible for a client load of 10 clients, offering up to 16 sessions and conducting 2 assessments a month. You will need to be responsible for all aspects of the work, including administrative procedures, following our policies and protocols, liaising with mental health services and making onward referrals where necessary.

You will be working as part of a well-established team of colleagues, within the department and organisation. The service predominantly works within a psychodynamic framework; therefore, a working knowledge of psychodynamic thinking is crucial for all those applying for this role including the ability to work with the unconscious and counter transference process that come up for yourself and in the work.

If this sounds like you, it would be great to hear from you. [Please complete an application form](#), detailing in the Supporting Statement how you meet the person specification. If you have any queries about the process please contact: Olivia Spooner, ospooner@wimbledonguild.co.uk

The closing date for applications is **Monday 25th March 2024 at 8am** by email to jobs@wimbledonguild.co.uk. The interviews will take place on the Wednesday 3rd April.

Many thanks for your interest in Wimbledon Guild. We look forward to hearing from you.

Olivia Spooner, Individual Counselling Manager