

Text editing

Objectives for and description of proposed project

Explain your interests in mental health issues and your reasons for applying

One of my interests in mental health issues is that I am a young person with my own personal experience of Schizophrenia Psychosis and I have personally supported other family experiences in poor mental health.

I want to make support for communities who have lived experience in mental health, to easily **recieve** support which is available.

Therefore I am applying for funding to create a website that looks at psychosis in a positive way that can be easily accessed by peers who experience a lived experience of mental health and having their family supporting them.

Discuss the significance of the topic, potential obstacles that may be encountered and how you will address these obstacles

My research shows that a Google research I have obtained recently, only one website in all of New Zealand talks about psychosis. I believe this gives me the right to start up this website because my website will talk about Psychosis and hearing voices.

I have also found that current mental health websites usually have a focus on the **medcal** model and mainstream issues; my aim is to provide an alternative. I intend to create people **the** opportunity for people to connect with real experiences of the diagnosis and recovery process. The theme will be looking at psychosis in a positive way, thinking of poor mental health as a natural part of someone's life and viewing mental illness as something you can control or recover from will be central to the content of the website.

My interest in mental health issues **comes from being** a young person with my own personal experience of schizophrenia psychosis and I have personally supported other family members **through their own** experiences in poor mental health. **In my current role as *** I also have first-hand knowledge and experience of the resources and support currently available to people with experience of poor mental health.**

Because of this I am interested in methods of support for people, families and communities with experiences of poor mental health, and ways that people can easily find and access the support which is already available.

I am applying for funding to create a website that looks at psychosis in a positive way **because I believe a clear need exists and there is a gap for a website** that can be easily accessed by **people** who experience **poor** mental health and **the families** supporting them.

Move this paragraph to here - Through my personal experience of poor mental health and supporting others, I have found that **contemporary** mental health websites usually have a focus on the medical model and mainstream issues. My aim is to provide an alternative. **I believe there is a need to** create the opportunity for people to connect with **real-life, personal** experiences of the diagnosis and recovery process. **There is a gap in resources that** look at psychosis in a positive way, **that think** of poor mental health as a natural part of someone's life and view mental illness as something you can control or recover from.

Follow up with this paragraph - A Google search reveals only one website in New Zealand that talks about psychosis **in a way that talks directly to people with this experience.** I believe **this demonstrates the need for a website that will talk positively** about psychosis and hearing voices, **and my project will fill this gap.**

original

suggestions