

We are actively committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our members and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All appointments will be made subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure.

Thank you for expressing an interest in joining our team

We hope you will find this information useful and we look forward to hearing from you.

Making an Application	Interview and Selection Process	Pre Employment Checks	GATE Policies
Application Form	Those candidates who meet all	References	Child Protection
	the requirements for the post will		
If you wish to be considered for this	be short listed and details of the	If you are short listed we will	GATE is committed to
post please complete the application	interview programme will be	normally take up references	safeguarding and promoting the
form provided with full details of	confirmed in writing.	<b>before</b> the interview date. One of	welfare of all our membrs and
your education and employment		your referees must be your	expects all staff and volunteers to
history, including any unpaid or	As part of the selection process,	current or most recent employer.	share this commitment. We have
voluntary work. Where there are	in addition to assessing your skills	Two satisfactory references must	a designated member of the
gaps in your employment please	and knowledge against the	be received before we confirm	Senior Managment Team who is
state the reasons why (e.g. gap year,	requirements of this role, specific	any offer of an appointment. The	responsible for referring and
career break, unemployed, etc).	questions will be asked to assess	information we request will	monitoring any suspected case of
	your suitability to work with	relate to salary, length of service,	abuse. All members of staff will
You will note that we require details	children and vulnerable adults.	skills and abilities, suitability for	receive training in line with our
of two referees, one of which must		the job, disciplinary record and	safeguarding policies.
be your current or most recent	Under the Equality Act 2010, we	suitability to work with children	
employer.	are legally required to consider	and/or adults at risk.	Whistle Blowing
	making reasonable adjustments		
CVs are <u>not</u> accepted as part of the	to ensure that disabled people	Copies of references or	We recognize that our members
application process.	are not disadvantaged in the	references that are addressed "to	may find it difficult to raise
	recruitment and selection	whom it may concern" will not be	concerns in an environment
Supporting information	process. We are therefore	accepted. On receipt of	where the staff fail to do so.
	committed to meeting, wherever	references, your referees may be	Therefore our policy is to ensure
	possible, any needs you specify	contacted to verify any	that all staff are made aware of

This section of the form is very important. It gives you an opportunity to explain why you are applying and why you are the best person for this job. Use the job description and person specification as your guide and give specific examples, where possible, to demonstrate how you match the requirements for this post. If you do not have enough space, please attach a separate sheet.

Please remember to sign the declaration on the final page of the application form. If you have submitted your application form electronically you will be asked to sign this if shortlisted at interview.

on the application form. Please contact GATE if you need to discuss this in any detail.

We will consider any reasonable adjustments under the terms of the Equality Act to enable an applicant with a disability (as defined under the Act) to meet the requirements of the post.

discrepancies, anomalies or relevant issues as part of the recruitment verification process.

Sickness absence record information will only be requested for the preferred candidate following the interview and assessment process. Consideration of the sickness absence information will comply with our responsibilities under the Equality Act.

## **Disclosure and Barring Check**

Employment at GATE is subject to an enhanced check with the Disclosure and Barring Service. Checks will also be made against the Barred List where appropriate. All such checks must be satisfactory before we confirm any offer of an appointment.

Under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) order 1975 (as amended in 2013), some posts at GATE are classed as regulated activity and therefore an Enhanced DBS check will be undertaken. their duty to raise concerns about any inappropriate attitude or actions of colleagues.

## **Code of Conduct and Personal Behaviour**

GATE believes that it is essential for standards of conduct at work to be maintained to ensure delivery of quality services and also to protect the well being of all its employees and members. All employees should conduct themselves with integrity, impartiality and honesty. Furthermore, everyone at GATE has an absolute duty to promote and safeguard the welfare of children and adults at risk.

## **Equal Opportunities**

We are committed to promoting best practice in our efforts to eliminate discrimination and to create a working environment where everyone is treated fairly and with respect. We take action to ensure that nobody is treated less favourably than anyone else because of their colour, race, ethnic or national origin, religion,

On 29th May 2013 legislation came into force under this Act that mean as an employer we are only entitled to request information about convictions, cautions, reprimands and final warnings that are not 'protected' as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) order 1975 (as amended in 2013). Convictions that are not 'protected' will appear on an Enhanced Disclosure, even though they are 'spent'. For information regarding what criminal records history will appear and should be disclosed on application, please see the relevant flow charts at the end of this document. Alternatively, guidance can be found on the DBS website. Please be aware spent and/or unspent convictions may not necessarily make you unsuitable for appointment. For further information about our use of Criminal Records information please see our Policy Statement on the recruitment of exoffenders which is available on request.

gender, sexual orientation, disability or age.

Full details of all these policies are available at GATE

Right to Work in the United	
Kingdom	
Under the Asylum and	
Immigration Act 1996, it is a	
criminal offence to employ	
anyone who is not entitled to live	
or work in the United Kingdom.	
Applicants will be asked to	
provide proof of this at interview	
stage by producing some original	
documentation such as your	
passport or birth certificate.to	
confirm your eligibility to work	
within the UK. Photographic	
proof of identity will also be	
required.	