**Train to become a Bereavement Volunteer**

Are you interested in training as a bereavement volunteer on the Cruse Awareness in Bereavement Care course? This 48-hour course in April and May is open to anyone who feels they are interested in this special and rewarding work.

Who can apply?

You do not need prior training or experience in counselling but interest in this particular area through personal experience is helpful.

The ability to listen, show empathy and understanding is essential.

We will give preference to qualified applicants who live in our local community, which is Kensington, Chelsea, Hammersmith and Fulham. This is the community we serve from our office in North Kensington.

The dates for the course are shown below. Please make sure you can attend 90% of these sessions before you apply. The application deadline is 19 February, 2016.

Please do not apply if you have had a significant bereavement in the last two years.

When is the training?

The dates for the course are as follows:

* 4 Monday evenings starting April 11th 6.30 till 9.30pm (no course Monday 2nd May Bank Holiday) ending Monday 9th May

AND

* 5 Saturdays starting April 16th 10-5pm and ending 14th May

The cost for the 48 hours of training is £300. We are able to offer a limited number of bursaries.

Who are we?

We are a part of the national Cruse Bereavement Care organisation and serve the boroughs of Kensington and Chelsea, Hammersmith and Fulham. As a charity we offer bereavement support to as wide a range of clients as we can. This support takes place on a weekly basis face to face either in our office or in people’s homes. It is this work that the training course covers. In addition we offer group support and work with bereaved children. Both these require additional training.

As a charity we do not charge our clients but rely on their goodwill to donate to us for the help we provide. We also have many other ways of raising funds to keep our organisation afloat.

What happens after the training?

If you are successful in passing the course you will then be interviewed by two senior members of our area. If selected to join us, you would be placed in one of our supervision groups and start seeing clients over the coming months.

Your commitment would be to see at least 2 clients per week, attend fortnightly supervision and 15 hours of further training per year. You would need to agree to at least 2 years volunteering in the branch.

After you have started seeing clients there will be ample opportunity to get involved in many other areas to help the branch.

How do I apply?

Please fill in the application form attached and email it to kchf@cruse.org.uk

Find out more about our charity at [www.kchf-cruse.org.uk](http://www.kchf-cruse.org.uk)

Applications are being accepted from now until the **deadline of Friday, 19 February, 2016.**

We will contact applicants by mid-March if you are chosen for interview. Good luck!