

Recruitment of HKU Mental Health Ambassadors for Ethnic Minority (EM) Mental Health & Well-Being Programme in Hong Kong

Dear Students,

You are cordially invited to join as HKU Mental Health Ambassador for Ethnic Minority (EM) communities in Hong Kong to plan, lead and organise mental health awareness activities in English for approximately 180 EM community members. As you are aware that last 2 to 3 years were difficult for all of us! Pandemic has deteriorated not only our physical health but also our mental health and well-being. Mental health concern has become a silent and simultaneous pandemic. Evidence has suggested that EM are the vulnerable populations during pandemic. They faced a lot of struggles due to their inability to understand the local language and access to proper healthcare, especially mental healthcare. By creating a supportive and informative English-speaking environment for EM to learn more about mental health and access to healthcare will be a great help for the community.

Your Role:

- Be an ADVOCATE for mental health & well being
- Gain a multi-cultural COMMUNITY SERVICE experience
- EMPOWER the ethnic minority community

Programme Schedule

All the activities will be conducted using hybrid mode (face-to-face/online) in English. Format and dates may be subject to changes in response to pandemic or social situations, weather conditions or any other unexpected factors.

- Briefing Session/Opening Ceremony (face-to-face): 12 Nov (Sat) 2022
- Training Workshops (online): 14 Nov (Mon) 17 Nov (Thu) 2022
- Team Work on Design and Preparation for Mental Health awareness Workshops for EM community (including meetings, writing up activity plan, making connections with EM community and religious leaders): Feb Mar 2023
- Mental Health Awareness Workshops for EM Community (face-to-face: one student one community event): 2 (Sun), 16 (Sun) and 23 (Sun) April 2023

- Team Work on Design and Preparation for Mental Health Awareness Week, Carnival, and EM Ambassador Training (including meetings, writing up activity plan and prior arrangements): Aug - Sep 2023
- Mental Health Awareness Week for EM Community (online: one team one post in one week): 9 - 13 Oct 2023
- Mental Health Carnival for All (face-to-face): 14 Oct (Sat) 2023
- Mental Health Ambassador Training for EM Community and Concluding Ceremony (face-to-face): 15 (Sun) Oct 2023

Benefits and Rewards

- An honorarium of **HKD 1,000 & a certificate from OkayMinds and CEDARS** will be given for those meeting the performance & attendance requirements.
- A series of **training opportunities** *free of charge* (self-care, communication, team building, leadership skills etc.)
- Join hands together to achieve United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (Goal 3: Good Health and Well-Being), (Goal 4: Quality Education) and (Goal 10: Reduce Inequalities).
- Extend your social network and make new friends in the *multi-cultural environment*.

Interested students should apply on or before 12 noon, 14 Oct 2022 (Fri).

For application, please visit: https://wp3.cedars.hku.hk/form/web/hku-mha.



Shortlisted applicants will be invited to a selection interview on 27 or 28 October 2022.

For enquiries, please contact by email to nimisha@connect.hku.hk. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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