**Volunteer Application form** 

Insight is a small charity operating in Stockport, Cheshire East, Trafford and Tameside, providing practical and emotional support to young people who have left or are about to leave care.

Like all young people, care leavers need access to supportive consistent adults who can offer advice and guidance in a timely manner to overcome the range of practical and emotional challenges faced by a young adult living unsupported.  Small things that if left unresolved can escalate into serious issues such as homelessness, mental health crisis, offending, substance/alcohol addiction, breakdown of education/employment.

Insight empowers young people to recognise their true potential in achieving successful, fulfilled lives. A catalyst for social action, Insight provides a platform for talent and creativity and aims to equip care leavers with the skills they need to take control of their lives now and in the future.

We deliver a range of projects all designed to

* Reduce loneliness and isolation
* Improve physical and emotional wellbeing
* Reduce homelessness by supporting to find and retain tenancies
* Reduce anti social behaviour and offending by diverting into positive activities
* Build confidence and self esteem
* Developing support networks
* Feeling part of the local community by getting involved
* Improve access to education, employment and training
* Develop skills and talent
* Raising the aspirations of the young person and those around them
* Learn important life skills such as self care, budgeting, negotiation skills.

We have a growing number of amazing volunteers from a variety of backgrounds; all we ask is that you are passionate and committed to supporting a young person to take control of their lives, now and in the future.

We are a diverse team with lots of experience, professional and life experiences. We also welcome applications from those who have personal experience of the care or criminal justice system.

All positions require an enhanced DBS check but his does not necessarily mean this would stop your application from being considered. We view each case separately.

**VOLUNTEERS APPLICATION FORM**

**PERSONAL DETAILS**

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| **Title**  *(Mrs, Mr etc):*  |  Date: |
| **Name** *(including middle names)* | Address:Postcode: |
| Home phone No.:  |
| Mobile No.:  |
| Email:  |
| Date of Birth: |
| Do you own or have use of a car and are willing to use your car **Answer:** |
| Please can you tell us where you heard about Pure Insight This will help us in our recruitment. E.g. friend, flyer |  |

**YOUR CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

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| **STATUS** | **Please give details** |
| Paid Full /Part Time |  |
| Unemployed |  |
| Student |  |
| Retired |  |
| Other |  |

**Personal information**

**You are under no obligation to complete this section. It will not affect your application in any way.**

**Male** [ ]  **Female** [ ]  **Ethnicity: -**

**Prefer not to answer** *-* [ ]  *(please tick)*

The following definition may provide a useful framework for applicants to consider whether their condition would be considered as a disability. ***The Equality Act 2010 defines disability as a physical or mental impairment, which has substantial and long tem adverse effect on a person’s ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities***

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

**Yes** [ ]  **No** [ ]  *(please tick)*

Please give details of your disability and any adjustments you would like us to consider making in connection with your application:

**­­­­­­­­­­­­Answer:**

**What Projects are you interested in?**

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| **Stockport** |  | **Cheshire** |
| Mentoring |  | Mentoring |  |
| Parent Angels |  | Parent Angels |  |
| Café and Arts projects - approx 5pm – 8pm |  | Day Trips |  |
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| **Trafford** | **Tameside** |
| Mentoring |  | Mentoring |  |
| Parent Angels |  |  |  |
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**SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE ETC**

**What skills or experience do you have (for those who are considering Mentoring , please list skills and experiences that could benefit a young person) ?**

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**What qualities do you think you could bring to our team (and for those who are considering Mentoring our young people, consider what qualities you could bring for them)?**

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**What Hobbies and Interests do you have?**

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**Criminal Record and Disclosure Form**

**You must complete this section**

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| **EXEMPTION UNDER THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS ACT /RIGHT TO WORK IN THE UK** This form must be completed for all new recruits at Pure Innovations Ltd / Pure Insight. In addition Disclosure and Barring Clearance required prior to your employment |
| **Name** |  |
| **The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (Exemption)Order 1975 applies to this post**This means that you must disclose ALL criminal convictions (including those defined as **spent** under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act), cautions, reprimands, final warnings, fines, motor offences and any other information that may have a bearing on your suitability for the post, including if your suitability to work with children or vulnerable adults has ever been questioned.Failure to disclose any convictions / reprimands / cautions / final warnings / fines or any other relevant information, will disqualify you from employment or result in your later dismissal. The Act does not provide any means of enforcing a person’s right not to be refused employment. |
| **Nature of convictions / reprimands / cautions / final warnings / fines / other relevant information: (Please include dates):**  |
|  | **Please answer in this column** |
| Do you have any outstanding cases waiting to be heard  |  |
| If yes, please give date (if known) and the details |  |
| Have you ever been barred from working with children/young people/vulnerable adults  |  |
| Have you ever been dismissed from any previous employment. **If yes please give details** |  |
| **Your right to work in the UK** |
| Under the 2006 Act – Immigration Asylum and Nationality Act – it is a criminal offence to knowingly employ a person aged 16 or over who is subject to immigration control and who has no permit to work in the UK or who is working in breech of conditions to work in the UK. Please confirm your nationality and whether you are eligible to work in the UK. You will need to provide documentation to confirm this |
| **Nationality** |  | **Right to work in UK?** Please answer yes/no |  |
| **Document evidence of right to work in UK**If we proceed with your application form we will ask for appropriate documents that may includeUK Passport/National ID card/Residence Permit/Document of exemption from immigration control/Birth Certificate, proof of address |
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| Do you know or are you related to anyone at Pure Insight or Pure Innovations Ltd |  |
| If yes, please state whom and your relationship with them |  |
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| **Declaration**I declare that the information I have given on this form is, to the best of my knowledge, true and complete. I understand that if it is subsequently discover that any statement is false or misleading, or that I have withheld relevant information, my application may be disqualified or, if I have already been appointed, I may be dismissed. I hereby give my consent to the Company processing the date supplied on this application form for the purpose of recruitment and selection |
| **Sign** |  | **Date** |  |
| **A signature is required even if you have nothing to declare / EMAILING back the document will be treated as an electronic signature** |

**REFERENCES**

Please give details of two referees

**Please note, it can be quicker for us to follow up on email references but we will still required all sections to be completed.**

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| **Referee 1** should be a person who has been responsible for your work ie manager, tutor or other responsible person | **Referee 2** should have know you for at least 2 years and should be able to comment on your experience and character  |
| 1. Name: | 2. Name |
| Address*: (optional)* | Address*: (optional)* |
| Email (this is best way to contact for reference) | Email (this is best way to contact for reference) |
| Telephone: | Telephone: |
| Occupation: | Occupation: |
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| Relationship of Referee to you: | Relationship of Referee to you: |
| Can we contact above Referee on receipt of this application form? | Can we contact above Referee on receipt of this application form? |

**IMPORTANT DATA PROTECTION INFORMATION:**

We take data protection seriously. Please visit our website to view our Privacy Policy

**THE SELECTION PROCESS**  is in several stages and consists of-

* Application form
* Interview (Initially by phone)
* DBS (Disclosure and Barring Services) (Criminal Record Check)
* References x 2

In addition to this Mentors will be required to complete an 9 week training programme.

**ALL THESE NEED TO BE IN PLACE BEFORE THE FINAL SELECTION CAN TAKE PLACE**