**Community Champion - Big Lottery funded post**

**Person Specification**

**Essential requirements**

A satisfactory DBS check to show that the applicant is suitable for work with vulnerable adults.

An excellent knowledge and understanding of the different Gypsy and Traveller communities within the UK and of the issues that affect the lives of Gypsies and Travellers.

Extensive experience of working with Gypsies and Travellers either in a professional capacity or as part of the travelling community.

Good knowledge/experience of mainstream agencies within the voluntary and statutory sectors that provide help and advice services. Experience and ability of / to engage with these agencies.

Ability and willingness to effectively work in partnership with others and build strong, effective relationships.

Good interpersonal skills, written and oral communication skills

A proven ability to work in a creative and engaging way to gain trust and confidence of people from a diverse range of different backgrounds and lifestyles.

Experience of working with service providers across a wide range of agencies and organisations e.g. advice and help agencies, health and social care organisations, housing advice centres etc.

Experience of co-ordinating community-based projects and an ability to plan a programme of activities, meeting cost requirements and organising transport and access to venues.

Ability to make presentations to groups, engage an audience and inspire people's interest in events and activities.

Experience of consulting with people in order to generate 'buy-in'

Ability to work on own initiative but also as part of a team.

Full driving licence and access to a vehicle that can be used for outreach work.

Ability and willingness to drive a 9 seater - 16 seater vehicle to enable community members to access venues and activities

**Desirable requirements**

Good knowledge of the Gypsy and Traveller communities living in, or passing through, Wales.

Experience of 'help and advice' work within the voluntary sector.

Ability to speak a Romani or Roma language/dialect.