### **Volunteer Counsellor Application Form:**

1. Name

Address

Date of Birth

Phone No:

 Email:

1. Please tell us what has attracted you to become a volunteer for WEB
2. Please tell us a little about any qualifications you may have that you think would help you in your role as a volunteer. These may be educational or vocational. It would be helpful if you would say when these were gained.

Qualification Year Gained

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1. Which Institution are you or have you been studying with for your Counselling qualification with? & Please provide contact details for your tutor.
2. You may have undertaken some training which would prepare you for the role as a volunteer but which does not give a qualification. Please tell us about any relevant training you may have done.
3. Please tell us of any employment that you have had that may support your application to volunteer. This may be paid work or work you have done in a voluntary capacity.
4. What period of time do you think you would be available to volunteer? (please note, due to training requirements, we do expect a minimum of 12 months commitment).

one year [ ] more than one year [ ]

1. When would you be available to volunteer? (start date-subject to DBS clearance\*)

**\*Please note that if you do not have a current, accepted DBS (e.g. student DBS or update service membership), volunteer counsellors will be required to pay £46 towards their DBS check**

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| **Morning** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Afternoon** |  |  |  |  |  |

1. Are you prepared to take part in training and essential meetings in your time as a volunteer?

**YES** **[ ]  NO** **[ ]**

1. Are there any other aspects of work would you like to be engaged in as a volunteer?

Fundraising [ ]  Administrative work [ ]

Helping at Events [ ]  Management Committee [ ]

1. We work in partnership with the Lighthouse Centre, who provides support services to specifically to women and families who have experienced domestic abuse. We need Counsellors who are willing to work with these women, this would take place of an evening, if this is something you are interested in, please state and we can discuss further in your interview.

 **YES [ ]  NO [ ]**

1. Please tell us of any interests, skills and/or previous experience that you have that might be helpful for this kind of work
2. Please tell us about any serious medical conditions/disabilities, which might affect your work as a volunteer.

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| 1. **Relationship to Existing WEB Employees or Volunteers**

*If you have any personal relationship to any WEB employee or volunteer, please give their name and relationship. Any approach to them to influence a selection decision will disqualify you. You should not ask them to give you a reference.* |
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1. Please give a brief description of how you heard about us. For example, via college, via do-it etc
2. As part of the Safeguarding Children agenda we are required to ask you to provide details of all your employment history since you left school.

This should show your employer, the address and the dates you worked there. Any periods where you were unemployed should also be shown giving details of your activity at that time e.g. if you were at home looking after your children, volunteering or training.

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| **Employer Name** | **Employer Address** | **Job Title** | **Start and End dates** |
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| **Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary** |

1. Please give the names of two people, unrelated to you, who would be willing to act as referees on your behalf. These people should have known you for at least two years

Name

Address

 Phone No: Email:

 Relationship:

Name

Address

 Phone No: Email:

 Relationship:

**As a volunteer with the WEB Centre you will be in**

**contact with vulnerable men, women and children**

**Please answer the following questions**.

If you answer yes to one of the questions it will not necessarily exclude you from working at WEB.

If you answer yes to any of these questions, please explain on a separate sheet.

1. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence? **YES** **[ ]**   **NO** [ ]
2. Have you ever been involved in any investigations where child abuse has been an issue?

 **YES** **[ ]**   **NO** **[ ]**

1. Under the Disqualification for Caring for Children Regulations 1991 or any other legislation, have you ever had a child removed from you or placed under supervision by the local authority.

**YES** **[ ]**   **NO** **[ ]**

1. Have you ever experienced physical or mental ill health which has meant that children in your care were at a significant risk of harm?

**YES** **[ ]**  **NO** **[ ]**

Signed

Date

Please return this form to:

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