



Peer Education Support Program (PESP) Information Sheet

Have you experienced homelessness? Do you want to improve how homelessness services are delivered? Do you want to influence government policy and create change in the homelessness service system? Do you want to be part of a team dedicated to ending homelessness? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you might be interested in joining Council to Homeless Persons' (CHP) Peer Education and Support Program (PESP).

What is PESP?

PESP is a volunteer program that provides people who have experienced homelessness with an opportunity to improve the effectiveness of the homelessness service system.

PESP team members play a key role in promoting the benefits and transformative power of meaningful consumer participation in homelessness service system and policy development.

This is done primarily through consumer participation activities such as:

- consumer participation training and advice
- group and one-on-one presentations
- peer facilitation and focus groups
- peer support
- media activities
- consultation with all levels of government
- consultation with related sectors
- participation in working/steering groups and committees

How do I become a PESP member?

PESP members undertake an interview process and successful applicants must meet key selection criteria set out in the position description.

They are given comprehensive training, supervision and support that enable them to undertake their role.

PESP members can stay in the program for up to two years, after which time a new person will be given the opportunity to join.

When they have finished their term PESP members have the opportunity to become graduate members. Graduate members have the opportunity to continue to be involved at CHP through activities such as presentations, special projects and consumer consultations.

Contact PESP

If you are interested in joining the PESP or knowing more about it you can contact Cassandra Bawden, PESP Coordinator via email at cassandra@chp.org.au or on 8415 6200.

More information

For more information about CHP or PESP, visit our website at www.chp.org.au