



Supporting people in facing the climate crisis

November 10, 2020

Call for Expressions of Interest for employment with Psychology for a Safe Climate (PSC) as Outreach Project Leader - half time for one year, commencing early 2021.

PSC has received funding to develop the outreach of our work across Australia, by engaging more psychologists, psychiatrists or counsellors committed to responding professionally to the climate crisis.

Our immediate goal for 2021 is to create a strong network of engaged psychologists, psychiatrists and counselling professionals who can offer emotional support to their own local communities in facing the climate emergency.

PSC will do this by building a strong network of skilled professional members who will work together in developing competency in the delivery of training seminars, information sessions, workshops and group support activities.

We have already developed wide experience in this work with climate engaged citizens and professionals, and our aim is to work with those across Australia who also offer support programs, to widen the range of activities and skills our profession can offer to their communities.

The Outreach Project Leader would work with the existing team of 8 PSC committed and active volunteer members and an employed Program Coordinator. Our current work focuses on offering emotional support to community groups, researchers, scientists and policy makers in facing the climate crisis. The Outreach Project Leader role entails both consolidation of our existing work and support for its further expansion across Australia.

More detail can be found in our **Strategic Plan 2020-2022** - see below.

In 2022, subject to funding, we wish to appoint an Executive Director, to lead further development of the work of PSC in 2022 and beyond. Experience as Outreach Project Leader would be considered to be valuable.

Personal and professional qualities:

We are looking for a registered psychologist, psychiatrist or psychotherapist, to offer leadership of this project at this critical time of transformation. The leader needs to be passionate about offering emotional support to those who are engaged in or learning about the climate crisis, both in our professions and in the community.

The appointee needs to thrive in working with others who are deeply motivated, with sensitivity to the needs of both the current and expanding group of active members, and be able to nurture these members' contributions. We need a creative thinker who is able to collaborate with others to grow the organisation's existing work, while also being mindful of the need to grow slowly and carefully. A capacity to reflect on, and use group process is essential.

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Experience in a not-for-profit organisation as a manager and/or leader would be valued. While the work is not clinical, the skills of a psychotherapeutic practitioner with experience in group work or as a clinical manager or supervisor would be important, as would experience collaborating with others and with organisations in creative initiatives.

We are looking for a team player, with capacity to carry responsibility for their work in the organisation.

Tenure:

The position of Outreach Project Leader (2021) is a half time fully funded 12 month appointment from early 2021.

Remuneration:

Health Professional Employees Award, level 4

Location: Melbourne.

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PSC Strategic Plan 2020-2022 [here](#)

DEADLINE: Expressions of interest close Friday December 4, 2020

Could you please consider the following in your EOI:

- 1. why you are interested.*
- 2. your interest in and understanding of climate change*
- 3. your understanding of the emotional impact of working on climate change as an informed citizen, activist, researcher or policy maker.*
- 3. your experience in leading peers in creative project design*
- 4. your experience in dealing with conflict or tensions in working with peers*
- 5. your capacity to self organise and take responsibility*
- 6. your experience in working with project groups online*
- 7. your location and whether you can work from home (as we don't have an office.)*

Thank you.

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