

The William Templeton Foundation for Young People's Mental Health (YPMH) is seeking a Partner Engagement Manager

YPMH (www.ypmh.org) is a charity focused on accelerating the translation of research into innovative early interventions that can be used in self-care, the health system, and the wider mental health ecosystem to improve the mental wellbeing of young people. Our current focus is on depression in young people.

YPMH is seeking a Partner Engagement Manager to lead the development of relationships with stakeholders including researchers; industrial collaborators; clinicians, managers and strategists in the formal health system; and key organisations in the wider mental health ecosystem, including schools, employers and charities to:

1. **Build and sustain a Community of Action** that engages stakeholders to help identify, evaluate, select, develop, pilot and implement ideas for early intervention in depression in young people.
2. **Facilitate Community participants' engagement in specific projects** to address depression in young people. An immediate requirement is to facilitate the engagement by participants in consultations and workshops for an ongoing project. This project is described on the following page.
3. **Facilitate the development, piloting and implementation of innovations** by consortia comprising researchers, industrial partners, clinicians and other stakeholders to help prevent, predict, detect, diagnose and treat early the causes of depression in young people.

The role may be full-time or part-time (at least 3 days per week). Initially, the appointment is for a fixed term of 6 months full-time or 10 months part-time at 3 days per week. Renewal of employment is subject to performance and additional grant funding. The role is located in Cambridge, UK.

The YPMH Partner Engagement Manager role is an opportunity to:

- Help address a vital societal need by contributing to the mental wellbeing of young people.
- Contribute to YPMH's development, growth and impact.
- Collaborate with high calibre colleagues across the mental health ecosystem.

The closing date for applications is March 7th, 2022.

Please send your application to peter.templeton@ypmh.org

Expertise sought

We are seeking an outstanding individual with the following expertise:

- Engaging multiple groups within and outside an organisation to enable successful innovations.
- Development and piloting of research-based innovations that improve health outcomes.
- Use and facilitation of innovation management methods, such as open innovation.
- Understanding of the challenges and opportunities to effect change for young people's mental health.

Compensation (pro-rated where the role is part-time)

- Salary £40,000-£44,000, depending on experience.
- 27 days holiday per annum, excluding Bank Holidays.
- 10% of salary contribution to a defined contribution pension scheme.

About YPMH and its work

YPMH's mission is to:

- Reduce the number of young people who experience mental health problems, particularly depression,
- Help young people enter adulthood with greater resilience to mental health conditions, and thereby
- Reduce the number of young people who take their own lives.

Formed in 2019, YPMH was established in memory of Will Templeton, by his parents Anne and Peter, and his brother John. The family's aspiration is to enable the 'joining-up' of excellent research and practice across the many fields associated with young people's mental health to improve prevention, identification, diagnosis and treatment of conditions such as depression and anxiety.

How YPMH works

YPMH is working towards better outcomes for young people by:

- Collaborating with researchers to develop 'joined-up' understanding of the causes of depression and opportunities for prevention and early intervention.
- Building 'Communities of Action' to break down barriers and effect innovation and change.
- Enhancing practice through a more joined-up approach to treat the 'whole self'.

Recent and ongoing work

YPMH has completed one two-year project with the University of Cambridge and is collaborating on a second. The first project developed the following, which are described in the publication [Changing Hearts, Changing Minds](#):

1. A multidisciplinary understanding of how depression develops in young people. The report sets out the key biological systems, pathways and mechanisms; how these are affected by an individual's economic, social and physical context; and how the pathways can offer opportunities for early intervention.
2. Some 200 specific ideas and opportunities for early intervention, including prevention, prediction, detection, diagnosis and treatment.
3. How the opportunities can be applied to self-care by individuals and their families; the formal healthcare system; and the wider mental health support ecosystem, including schools, employers and mental health support charities.

A second project with the University is currently underway. The aims of the project are to build on the outputs of the project described in *Changing Hearts, Changing Minds* to:

1. Create an evidence-based framework describing the causal pathways of depression around which stakeholder consultations and workshops can be structured.
2. Build further the Community of Interest / Action established in the earlier project to increase the number of stakeholders (researchers, clinicians, industry partners, employers, mental health support charities, education bodies, together with young people, their families and carers) engaging in the second project.
3. Through stakeholder consultations and facilitated workshops:
 - a. Identify what needs to be done to translate promising innovations for early intervention into practice, and which types of stakeholder the early interventions could be delivered by.
 - b. Refine further the ideas for innovations developed in the prior project, and identify further innovations.
 - c. Identify stakeholders to develop innovations.
4. Disseminate the outputs of the stakeholder consultation and workshops to:
 - a. Build awareness, understanding and support for the approach.
 - b. Grow and develop the Community of Action.
 - c. Increase the number of stakeholders developing innovations.