

Dear applicant,

Thank you for your enquiry about the post of Helpline Operator and for your interest in Stop Hate UK. The following information is enclosed:

* General information about Stop Hate UK/conditions and benefits of service
* Job description/person specification
* Application form and monitoring form
* Job Advert
* Guidance notes for applicants

Please also ensure that you have all the items listed above. If you would like more information about Stop Hate UK please visit our website at [www.stophateuk.org](http://www.stophateuk.org/).

Please ensure that you refer to the guidance notes when completing the application form.

This Helpline Operator role will have a specific focus on supporting members of East and Southeast Asian communities through the [On Your Side](https://www.onyoursideuk.org/) Service. The role will therefore require an understanding of issues faced by East and Southeast Asian Communities.

The role will also require an ability to speak and write in both in English and Vietnamese to an appropriate level.

This role will also see calls and contacts taken to the Stop Hate UK helpline.

The role: Helpline Operator(s)

The salary: £11.50 per hour

Contract: Temporary (project funded until 31st March 2024)

You will be required to work **2 of the following shifts on a weekly basis**. The hourse will be set as part of your contract of employment and will be the same shifts each week. Please indicate on your application form which 2 you could do (if you are available for more than 2, please let us know which ones so that we can allocate appropriately if you are successful.

Hours:

Monday: 1000 - 1600

Wednesday: 0800-1400

Thursday: 1000-1600

Friday: 0900- 15:00

**We will not accept applications after 10am on the 3rd of October 2023**

Due to the high volume of applications, we receive; we will only contact people who have been short-listed for interview. If you have not heard from us within three weeks of the closing date, I regret that you will have been unsuccessful in your application on this occasion.

I look forward to receiving your completed application form, which should be returned, by email to amanda[@stophateuk.org](mailto:rose@stophateuk.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

Rose Simkins Chief Executive

# General information about Stop Hate UK

### Vision

### A world which is free from hate, harassment, and discrimination.

### Our Mission

### To combat Hate,

### To support those affected,

### To educate towards a hate free world.

### Our Values

At Stop Hate UK, our members, staff and volunteers are committed to challenging hatred, harassment and discrimination to create a more just and humane society.

We have values which help us do this:

* We have integrity
* We can be trusted
* We are a caring organisation
* We are non–discriminatory
* We celebrate our differences
* We are approachable
* We are empathetic
* We are respectful
* We are empowering
* We are challenging
* We believe in the value of partnership and collaboration

### Our Ethos

We aim to be sensitive to how people describe themselves and how they wish to be communicated with. We have expertise in running helplines and providing support and know that to find positive outcomes for people, we need to work with many and varied agencies. Our relationship with anyone who contacts us, whatever the reason, is vital and we use the art of conversation to reach the best outcome we can for the person.

# Conditions and benefits of service

Auto enrolment pension scheme (5% employee, 5% employer) 26 days annual leave pro rata

Annual appraisals

Commitment to training and development

Stop Hate UK is an inclusion and diversity employer.

## Guidance notes for applicants

The following information is intended to assist you in completing your application form and to explain the process we will use to select the most suitable person for the post.

### Completing the application form

Please complete the application form electronically as fully as possible. Please remember that the selection panel will only consider the information that is in your application form. When completing the ‘what you can bring to the post’ section, please make sure that you address the points listed in the person specification. It is not sufficient to repeat the criteria listed in the person specification – you need to show how you meet each of the requirements. For example, describe a situation where you have used one of the required skills. It is important that you are explicit about your experience and skills, because as an equal opportunities' employer, we are unable to make assumptions.

**Please do not submit a CV**. All relevant information should be detailed in the application form.

### Monitoring form

Stop Hate UK needs to make sure that we adhere to our equal opportunities policy and so we need to monitor our recruitment process. Candidates are asked to complete this section, but this is removed from the application form before short-listing takes place and therefore will not be considered as part of the selection process.

### Returning the application form

Please make sure that the application form is fully completed and return it to amanda@stophateuk.org.

Please make sure that the application form is received by the specified time on the closing date. Any late applications will not be considered.

### Short-listing

The selection panel is comprised of at least two people, and they will consider your application form objectively. They will assess whether you have addressed the criteria in the person specification and whether you have provided sufficient evidence. Where there is a high volume of applications, the selection panel will short-list the candidates who have best demonstrated that they meet the requirements. Please remember that the selection panel is not able to make assumptions about what is written in your application form, so be explicit about how you meet the criteria.

### Interview

If you are successful at the short-listing stage, we will invite you to attend an interview.

You will be informed who will be on the panel and the assessment process, prior to interview.

### Other selection methods

Depending upon the post, we may use other selection methods in addition to the interview. These are often very specific to the post and are likely to involve completing a task which would be carried out in the role, such as a written exercise.

### References

Unless you indicate otherwise, we will request references at the same time as we invite you for interview to avoid unnecessary delays should we decide to offer you the post. The reference details that you give in your application form need to include your present or most recent employer and another work (paid or unpaid) or educational reference.

Personal references from friends or family are not sufficient. All offers of employment will be subject to two satisfactory references.

### Criminal records

Offers of employment are not made until a satisfactory enhanced DBS criminal records check has been made.

### Right to work in the UK

All applications will be required to provide proof of their right to work in the UK. Applicants who are not an EU citizen may need a work permit. An offer of employment will be subject to a satisfactory work permit in these circumstances.

### Successful candidates

If you are successful, you will receive a formal written offer only after receipt of two satisfactory references and a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service check.

If you are a transgender applicant and you don’t want to reveal details of your previous identity to your referees, please contact the DBS sensitive applications team:

DBS sensitive applications team: [sensitive@dbs.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:sensitive@dbs.gsi.gov.uk) Sensitive applications team

Customer services PO Box 165

Liverpool L69 3JD

### Unsuccessful candidates

Although we would like to inform all candidates whether they have been successful or not at the short-listing stage, as a charity we are mindful of the costs involved. Therefore, if you have not been contacted within three weeks of the closing date, you have not been short-listed on this occasion.

### Data Protection

Your application is treated in the strictest confidence. Information collected through the recruitment process is kept on file for six months and is then shredded. If you are successful, relevant information will be retained on your personnel file.

We hope that you are successful in your application. However, if you are not, please do not be discouraged from applying for other posts in the charity. Thank you for your interest in Stop Hate UK.

## Equal opportunities and diversity at Stop Hate UK

### Introduction

Stop Hate UK is an independent national charity which helps people and communities deal with hate crime. Our services are free and available to everyone. To achieve this, we need to make sure that Stop Hate UK puts non- discriminatory practices into effect in both employment and service delivery.

### Equal opportunities statement

Stop Hate UK recognises that discrimination exists in society and is committed to developing and promoting ways of working that ensure that employees, and service users are not subjected to direct or indirect discrimination.

Stop Hate UK wholeheartedly supports the principles of equal opportunities in employment and service delivery and opposes all forms of unlawful or unfair discrimination. For example, on the grounds of colour, race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, preferred language, deafness, religion or belief, gender, sexuality, disability, appearance, marital or caring status, age, or class. This will be promoted to all stakeholders and expected of all partner organisations.

Stop Hate UK is committed to equality of opportunity in its provision of services. To this end all who approach it for services will be treated fairly and equally. Any form of discrimination, harassment or abuse will not be tolerated, and appropriate action will be taken in line with legislation and Stop Hate UK policies.

We believe that it is in the best interests of Stop Hate UK, its employees, and the people it serves, to ensure that the human resources, talents, and skills available throughout society are considered when employment opportunities arise. To this end, within the framework of law, we are committed, wherever practicable, to achieving and maintaining a workforce which broadly reflects the communities in which we operate. Every possible step will be taken to ensure that individuals are treated equally and fairly, and that decisions on recruitment, selection, training, and development, are based solely on objective and job-related criteria.

### Diversity statement

Stop Hate UK takes pride in being a diverse organisation, enriched by the participation of all individuals and communities. We recognise that prejudice and discrimination continue to result in unfair treatment for many people. We are committed to addressing this by:

* ensuring the effectives of our equal opportunities policy
* being clear and open about our values and promoting them
* listening, learning, and taking action to bring about change.