



Do you love life and are you passionate about making a **real** difference in the lives of rangatahi (young people)? Then we would love to hear from you.

About us

Live for More's purpose is to empower rangatahi (young people) to find freedom from their troubled pasts and be inspired to live positive and fulfilling lives. Through our surf therapy programmes, lives are transformed – one wave at a time.

Our clients are high-risk young men, 17-25 years old and often trapped in lifestyles of addiction, mental health and anti-social behaviours. Many have been or are actively involved in the justice system.

Live for More builds strong rapport and healthy, lasting relationships with these rangatahi through surf therapy programmes. Alongside surf therapy, they are also provided intensive clinical counselling, group therapy, practical life navigation skills, mentoring and cultural sessions. All of this is aimed to empower self-belief, confidence and a positive outlook for the rangatahi. With a renewed understanding of life and purpose, as well as their identity, potential and culture, we see rangatahi finding freedom for themselves and their whānau.

See www.liveformore.org.nz for more details.

About the role

The key purposes of this role are to manage and co-facilitate the successful running of the Tai Wātea surf therapy programme, and also to work with Tai Wātea clients and provide 1-1 navigational support, cultural leadership and advocacy, allowing them to grow in self-belief and successfully complete and graduate the programme.

Tai Wātea translates to “Waves of Freedom”. Tai Wātea is Live for More's intensive 9-week programme that involves surf therapy, group therapy, cultural sessions which include haka and pepeha, one-on-one clinical sessions, as well as one-on-one life navigation sessions. We are looking for someone who can use their mana to be a positive role model that mentors, supports and advocates for these young men, ultimately empowering them to make ongoing positive changes and to step into the future they truly want and deserve.

The role is based in Mount Maunganui and is a full-time position. You will be working as part of a team of nine permanent staff and several awesome volunteers. You will work closely with the Tai Wātea Youth Clinician and the Programme Lead.

Tasks & responsibilities

- Case management of clients
- Co-facilitating the Tai Wātea surf therapy programme
- Teaching clients about pepeha, supporting them to discover their own pepeha and empowering them to present it at graduation
- Teaching clients haka and empowering them to successfully perform a haka at graduation
- Leading the cultural sessions on the Tai Wātea programme
- Supporting and assisting clients in meeting their probation, court and legal requirements
- Supporting clients with WINZ
- Writing thorough, accurate and timely case notes in the Live for More CRM
- Liaising with relevant agencies regarding client support outside of Live for More
- Advocating for clients during court or legal proceedings.

Skills & experience

Ideally the candidate would have:

- Relevant life experience that helps relate to these rangatahi and provides an understanding of the complex social needs of disadvantage and the challenging lives of vulnerable youth
- Minimum of 2 years previous workplace experience within a youth, AOD or MH organisation
- Understanding of Māori approaches to wellbeing, such as Te Whare Tapa Whā
- Understanding of AOD and mental health
- Knowledge of the justice system and court process
- Experience working with high-risk rangatahi
- Skills to facilitate and communicate effectively in group therapy sessions
- Experience running and facilitating programmes
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to facilitate goal setting and write achievable plans with rangatahi
- Experience and competence with 1-1 work with clients
- Passion for Te Ao Māori
- Computer skills – enough to be able to communicate via emails/social media and write case notes in the Live for More CRM
- A healthy lifestyle and ability to comply with Live for More's zero-drugs policy

- Ability to organise yourself and others – some excellent planning and implementation would be an advantage!

No formal qualification is required but if you have a relevant tertiary qualification (i.e. Youth or Social Work), it would be a bonus.

There are some physical demands that go with this role:

- We need someone who is hands-on and energetic, so you will need to be physically fit and able to engage the clients through other physical activities (i.e. touch rugby, swimming, surfing, gym sessions, walking up Mauao)
- You will spend significant time in the sea with clients surfing, so you need to be confident and capable in the water (if you have experience surfing, even better!)
- You will be responsible for the safety and well-being of clients whilst surfing, so must actively comply with all Health & Safety requirements
- You must have a full driver's license and be willing and confident to drive a van, ideally able to drive a vehicle towing a trailer as well.

To thrive in this position, you will:

- Be passionate about supporting rangatahi and have an ability to engage with a wide group of people from all walks of life
- Enjoy group work and therapeutic spaces
- Have an empathetic and non-judgmental attitude
- Be naturally positive and encouraging
- Have healthy communication skills and an ability to lead others
- Enjoy being active, outdoors and in the water
- Be focussed on delivering high-quality care for clients and whānau
- Have an ability to work independently without direct supervision
- Be passionate about Te Ao Māori
- Be a team player who enjoys connecting with others at work.

For more information about Live for More, please visit www.liveformore.org.nz.

Does this sound like a bit of you or resonate with your wairua? If so, please send a cover letter detailing who you are, where you are from, why you are applying for this job and what makes you perfect for this role, along with your CV to: megan@liveformore.org.nz.