

Social Work Selection event – Group Exercise:

Groupwork roles:

Context: You are working with a local community charity, 'Turn 2 Worcester' which aims to support local people in times of financial hardship. Each month someone can nominate a person who they feel needs financial support. The charity then makes a payment of £500 to one of these nominees. According to the charity budget and rules, only one of these people can receive the money, it cannot be split. Nominees cannot be allocated money from future budgets, if they do not receive money on this occasion they would have to be nominated again and considered in the next round of payment.

Task: As part of a team, you have been asked by the charity to consider the funding nominations which have been received this month. You will be given 2 minutes to read about the nomination you have received and consider your own views before beginning the discussion. You are then to hold a 15-minute meeting to discuss the nominees. **By the end of this time, you must have agreed as a group who is to receive the money.**

It is your role to champion your nominee and try to gain agreement from the others in the group to support this decision.

The nomination you have received is:

1. Vanessa – 17 years old, with a 2-year-old son. She is trying to stay in college but has not managed to balance work and study so has left her job and is now struggling to pay the bills.
 2. Tony – 78 years old. His family have left the area and he is feeling very isolated. His neighbour is concerned that he is struggling to pay fuel bill.
 3. Pedro – 34 years old. He was in prison following a conviction for burglary. He had a drug addiction but is now clean and doing voluntary work in the local community. He needs money for clothes and travel expenses for job interviews.
 4. Mohammed – A 45-year-old man who has recently come to the UK to seek asylum from Sudan. He is currently in temporary accommodation and would like to put the money towards a deposit on a flat.
 5. David – a 53-year-old man who suffered a brain injury in a road traffic accident. David lives with his wife, a stay-at-home mum, and their two teenage daughters. David has had to give up his job in the bank due to his injuries and is now struggling financially.
 6. Shana – is 19 years old, she has a learning disability. She has recently left an abusive relationship. She is struggling to pay her bus fare to get to college.
 7. Chloe is 26 years old, she has autism, she has recently moved to Worcester and has no networks of support. Some help to buy a laptop would mean she can link in with her old friends and enable her to get internet shopping.
 8. Sebastian is 42 years old, he was recently involved in road traffic accident. Whilst he is having rehabilitation, he is using a wheelchair. He is the main earner for his family, and he has not been able to work.
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