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Attn: Erin Mulcaire

Launch Housing

Dear Erin,

My friend Antonie loves working for Launch and brought this role to my attention. The work your organization does was regularly referred to by my teachers at Melbourne Polytechnic as an example of an organization that is nailing it so I feel genuinely excited by this opportunity!

I am a Diploma of Community Services graduate with a passion for social justice, a background in project management and significant lived experience as a queer, neuro-diverse, gender-diverse, person of colour. I believe my background and professional experience make me an excellent candidate for this role.

My previous roles in the corporate sector opened my eyes to the vastness of the structural inequalities and inequities in today’s society. These realisations prompted me to rethink my career direction, make some major life decisions, and ultimately led to my transition into community services. This has not been a journey without hardships, and I believe that the personal challenges I have faced over the last few years (including a period of homelessness and addiction) enable me to have greater compassion for the range of social disadvantages and injustices many people face. Working for an organization that is affecting meaningful change, such as Launch, is critical for me as I start this new chapter of my professional life.

I’ve always been empathic and an excellent listener. I am a quick learner, and I would also bring the problem-solving and project management skills I developed over my seven years working in a range of project delivery roles. Although I’m a recent graduate, my studies and volunteer work have given me a solid understanding of the social welfare sector, and my lived experience of discrimination and intersectionality have given me a profound appreciation of the layers and complexity of diverse clients’ needs.

I would love to be one of those people that looks forward to coming to work! I believe I could be a really great fit for this role and would love to discuss my experience with you further.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind Regards

Nishant Dougall