



Volunteer Role Description

GMFA Group Work Facilitator

GMFA's vision and mission statement:

Vision – GMFA wants a gay community where individuals are able to make informed choices about their health, and a society that embraces equality and respects the right of people to make informed choices.

Mission – Improving gay men's health by increasing the control they have over their own lives.

Role

The co-facilitation of approved GMFA workshops.

Specific responsibilities

To co-facilitate GMFA courses with other GMFA facilitators and to adhere to approved written course notes.

To abide by the GMFA Group Work Facilitator's Agreement.

To attend course briefing sessions.

To complete the administrative tasks attached to facilitating courses.

Volunteers are not obliged to put themselves forward for any specific facilitation commitments; however they are expected to honour any commitments that they have chosen to make.

Experience & Requirements

Must be an approved GMFA facilitator.

Volunteers must be able to work productively within groups.

Facilitators must positively identify as a gay man.

Authority

Volunteers have full authority to ensure that courses are run as written during course facilitation. This authority extends to the management of participants, their safety, and decisions regarding the welfare of the whole group.

Benefits

Basic Facilitation Skills (Professional) course provided.

Experience as group work facilitator gained.

Immediate and ongoing facilitator support, debrief and skills building.

Occasional facilitation opportunities in other UK cities

Potential Frustrations

Facilitating courses and managing participants can require a lot of energy, and can raise personal issues for facilitators as well as participants.

The requirement to run courses as written may present challenges.

The majority of courses are run at weekends. Moreover some courses are multi-session and require attendance on all scheduled days.

Potential Satisfactions

Feedback from participants, co-facilitators & Project Managers

An involvement in the personal development of participants.

Increased confidence, personal development and growth.

Possible Career development / prospects.

A sense of achievement at the end of a course from being involved in a process from beginning until completion.