



Volunteer Role Description

Positive Campaign Group Volunteer

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

To be a member of Positive Campaign Group and take part in monthly discussion groups.

If part of a campaign group, work with the Project Manager on campaigns and interventions aimed at HIV positive gay men.

Specific responsibilities

As part of PCG: to take part in monthly discussion groups

As part of a campaign group: to have a clear understanding of the campaign's aims; to develop concepts that meet the aims of the campaign.

Experience and Requirements

Volunteers must be able to work productively within groups.

Volunteers should have a good knowledge of, or a willingness to learn about issues affecting HIV positive gay men.

Volunteers should abide by the group agreement.

Health promotion, creative thinking and design skills are all useful for developing campaigns, though not essential requirements.

Commitment required

PCG volunteers should attend monthly discussion group meetings as regularly as possible.

For campaign group meetings, although attendance is not compulsory at all meetings, volunteers will be expected to honour any commitments that they make to the group and should aim to attend as many campaigns meetings as possible. The frequency of campaign meetings is variable depending on need. Volunteers may be expected to do some work between meetings.

Authority

Where possible, groups within PCG work by consensus so authority will normally be with the group.

Benefits

Working on campaigns will develop a range of health promotion and media skills and increase knowledge. Shared knowledge within the group will also give volunteers a greater knowledge of HIV and HIV positive gay men's issues.

Potential Frustrations

An individual's ideas may not be used.

Campaigns may require a number of amendments as it goes through pre-testing, peer-review and approval processes.

Potential Satisfactions

PCG volunteers usually feel a strong sense of pride in, and ownership of, our published campaigns and interventions for HIV positive gay men.