



Volunteer Role Description

GMFA Pride 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 work with the New & Community Interventions Project Manager and other volunteers to plan and deliver GMFA's involvement in the London Pride event.

Specific responsibilities

As part of the project development group: to develop clear aims; to develop concepts and, where appropriate, props, costumes, media and text that meet those aims.

As part of the parading group: to meet at the designated time and place and parade with the rest of the group, in uniform clothing if required.

Experience and Requirements

Volunteers helping to plan GMFA's involvement in the London Pride event must be able to work productively within groups.

Event management, logistics organising, health promotion, creative thinking, costume design, props building, copy writing and editing skills are all useful for developing and delivering GMFA's involvement in the London Pride event, though none of these are essential requirements.

To participate in the Pride event itself, volunteers must be able to present themselves at the arranged meeting point at the required time or inform the Project Manager as soon as possible if presenting themselves at the required time is impossible.

Commitment required

Planning GMFA's involvement in Pride usually takes between 5 and 6 months. Although attendance is not compulsory at all meetings, volunteers will be expected to honour any commitments that they make to the group and volunteers engaged in planning GMFA's involvement in the London Pride event should aim to attend as many meetings as possible. The frequency of meetings is variable depending on need, but generally meetings will be held once a fortnight. Volunteers will be expected to do some work between meetings.

Authority

Where possible, the Pride project planning group works by consensus so authority will normally be with the group developing the project.

Benefits

Working on GMFA's involvement in London Pride, depending on the direction the project takes and a volunteer's involvement can provide experience in project planning, logistics management, a number of creative arts, as well as media development.

Potential Frustrations

An individual's ideas may not be used.

Concept ideas for GMFA's involvement in London Pride may require a number of amendments as they go through peer-review and approval processes.

Ideas may be limited by available resources and skill-sets.

Potential Satisfactions

For those who only want to participate on the day only – the pleasure of participating as a member of an organisation that receives a very warm reception at the event.