



Northern Ireland's
only HIV charity
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VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION *Community Engagement Volunteer*

What do Community Engagement Volunteers do?

Community Engagement Volunteers add value and provide additional support for the organisation by:

- Attending public awareness events to raise awareness of HIV and Positive Life services and provide basic HIV information where relevant to members of the public, community, or statutory groups.
- Providing basic HIV awareness training to the public, community, or statutory groups.

Examples of Public Awareness Events could include Freshers' Fairs, Music Festivals, Pride Festivals, Health & Wellbeing events.

The overarching ethos of our work is person centred, respectful of everyone, and is always underpinned by impartiality and a non-judgemental approach.

Our Volunteers need to engage to a standard consistent with this approach and with the aims, principles, and policies of the organisation.

When?

This role is flexible, and may involve days, evenings, or weekends. We would prefer that you be available for at least two 3-hour sessions per month, but if this is not possible, please don't let it put you off joining us. We would also ask that you attend a minimum of 2 training sessions or team meetings which will be scheduled throughout the year.

Where?

Positive Life is based between the Lisburn and Malone Roads at 20 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast, BT9 6FN. We have plenty of on-site parking and are located quite close to public transport links. However, most events will take place at other venues across NI and Volunteers need to be prepared for this and be able to make their own arrangements for travel. Full travel expenses and other reasonable 'out of pocket' expenses will be paid.

Why?

We are Northern Ireland's **only** HIV charity, so becoming a Community Engagement Volunteer will provide you with a unique opportunity to:

- Learn about HIV and how it affects individuals and families.
- Bust the common myths about HIV and effect real change for people living with HIV and NI society.
- Meet others and engage with diversity.
- Be part of a professional and enthusiastic team.

Qualities sought

Full training will be provided, and we don't ask for formal qualifications, however, due to the nature of the work we undertake, it is essential that you can currently demonstrate the following skills and qualities:

1. Excellent communication skills and confidence in starting conversations with strangers.
2. Ability to work as part of a team.
3. The ability to establish positive relationships with service users, other Volunteers, and staff.
4. A flexible approach to availability.
5. A willingness to attend relevant training.

You must also be able to show that with training you will be able to quickly gain:

6. An awareness of the impact of an HIV+ diagnosis.
7. An understanding of, and agreement with Positive Life's policies in relation to confidentiality, equality of opportunity and any other relevant policies.

You must be prepared to undergo an Access NI check if required.

For further information

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