



**Volunteering Opportunity @ Outreach youth**

<b>Volunteer Role</b>	<b><i>Outreach youth LGBTQ youth group Volunteer Ipswich</i></b>
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**When are volunteers required for this opportunity?**

Volunteers would support the running of the group on a Friday evening from 6pm to 9 pm every fortnight in Ipswich town centre.

**Description of role**

Outreach youth runs youth groups for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans\*, Queer and Questioning (LGBT\*Q+) young people, aged under 19 years, in Ipswich, Colchester and across Suffolk.

Our Outreach youth Ipswich group is open to under 19 year olds and meets fortnightly in Ipswich town centre.

The group is led by a LGBT\*Q+ Youth Development worker/Coordinator who is responsible for coordinating the group: carrying out assessment meetings with new members, planning and delivering sessions, preparing resources and refreshments, promoting the health and safety of the group's members and volunteers and monitoring and evaluating the service.

Volunteer support is required to support the delivery of the youth group sessions:

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| Setting up the space                                | Setting up equipment and resources      |
| Preparing refreshments                              | Helping facilitate the session activity |
| Supporting session administration                   | Ensuring a welcoming and safe setting   |
| Working with young LGBT*Q+ people under supervision |   |

We are looking for volunteers who;

- Aged 23 years and over
- Have some experience of working with young people in a paid or voluntary capacity
- Have a thorough understanding of the issues facing LGBT\*Q+ young people
- Are able to work as part of a team
- Able to commit to a minimum of 5 hrs. per month for a 12- month period

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### **The skills, experience and/or qualifications required for this opportunity (please note if essential or desirable)**

Able to adhere to and work to the agreed policies and procedures of Outreach youth (E)  
Ensure well-being and safety of young people in line with Outreach youth's Safeguarding Policy  
Have a good knowledge of, be sensitive to and have a professional non-judgemental approach to the issues affecting LGBT\*Q+ young people (E)  
Willingness to undergo an Enhanced DBS (Disclosure AND barring Service) (E)  
Good communication skills (E)  
Good administration skills (E)  
Positive 'We can' attitude (E)  
Good timekeeping skills (E)  
Capacity to work in a team (E)

Practical skills that would benefit young people (D)

### **We use the following volunteer recruitment and selection procedures**

Application form  
Informal visit  
Formal interview  
Enhanced DBS check  
References (x2)  
Trial period

### **Support in place for volunteer**

We offer an induction to Outreach youth and a role specific induction  
Volunteers are covered by our Public Liability insurance  
Access to Safeguarding training  
Access to First Aid training  
Access to other training relevant to role  
Individual and peer group supervision  
Agreed travel expenses (subject to available funding)



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### **What the Volunteer gains from being involved?**

As well as meeting new people, having fun, giving back to the community, learning new skills and gaining new skills for your CV - all volunteers:

Report a great sense of satisfaction in seeing young LGBT\*Q+ people develop confidence around their sexuality and/or gender identity as a result of attending the groups.

Have the ability to do useful work in line with our procedures.

Claim travel expenses, or choose to donate them if they prefer to.

Take advantage of free drinks and occasional free food at the youth group.

Take advantage of both in-house and external training appropriate to role.

Join in social events and other events we attend.

### **How to apply?**

Request, complete and return an application form via [info@outreachyouth.org.uk](mailto:info@outreachyouth.org.uk)

### **Safeguarding statement:**

Outreach youth is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.