



# Terrence Higgins Trust

The HIV and sexual health charity for life

## Volunteer Role Description

# Positive Voices Volunteer

Terrence Higgins Trust is committed to achieving a good volunteering experience for all of our volunteers. We believe in equal opportunities and welcome applications to volunteer from all. We particularly welcome applications from our service users and those who have benefited from our services. Where Criminal Disclosures are required we will review all cases on an individual basis and a criminal record will not necessarily be a bar to volunteering with us.

## **Introduction to Role:**

The Positive Voices Programme consists of a team of volunteers who provide information talks and sessions in education, corporate, public sector and other organisations about their personal experiences of living with HIV. The aim is to provide a personal perspective on what it is like to live with HIV whilst also encouraging better understanding of HIV, dispelling myths and reinforcing HIV prevention messages.

## **The Type of Tasks / Activities you could be involved with:**

- Providing schools, community groups, voluntary, statutory and private organisations with a personal perspective on living with HIV
- Providing short, factual approved presentations on HIV and/or Terrence Higgins Trust
- Raising awareness of issues related to living with HIV
- Representing people living with HIV at meetings and other public events to ensure their needs are represented
- Participating in Terrence Higgins Trust's training accreditation process
- Design, delivery and evaluation of Positive Voice activities

## **Desirable Skills/Experience Sought:**

- Ability to communicate messages effectively to people from a variety of backgrounds
- Good presentation skills
- Good communication and active listening skills
- Good working knowledge of HIV and sexual health issues
- Ability to maintain confidentiality
- Commitment to representing Terrence Higgins Trust in a positive and constructive way

**Benefits:**

- Full online induction and safeguarding training provided
- Reimbursement of out of travel and other meals where agreed with Terrence Higgins Trust staff manager
- Ongoing support and supervision
- Opportunity to undertake accredited training programmes
- Opportunity to develop and update skills and gain new experiences
- No 1-2-1 work at schools will be undertaken

**Desired Commitment:**

Ideally we ask volunteers commit to a minimum of 12 months after completing training however we can be flexible with this and welcome discussions around availability and commitment

**Geographical Area:** National – with key areas of growth in Brighton & West Sussex, Greater London and Glasgow

**When Required:**

Dependant upon bookings, but daytime availability often required

**Training & Support:**

Mandatory Online induction training plus additional training for role including safeguarding. Group support provided

**Restrictions (e.g. Age, Gender, Sexuality, HIV Status, Access):**

Must be 18 years or over. Must be living with HIV. Disability Access: Yes

**Selection Process:** Application Form, References, Interview

**Is a Criminal Record Check (DBS) required?:** Yes

**Core Activities, all volunteers will be expected to:**

- Promote and adhere to THT's Equal Opportunities Policy, Confidentiality Policy and Volunteer Code of Conduct
- Promote and maintain health and safety regulations, practices and conditions
- Be responsible for the security of buildings and their contents and the charity's resources

- Complete all necessary paperwork and provide basic monitoring data as required
- Take part in group support sessions and supervision as required for the role
- Attend meetings, conferences and undertake training as appropriate

### **For Further Information Contact:**

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