

VOLUNTEER SHOUT OUT!

Dear Volunteers

I hope this finds you well! At the time of writing this, it is pouring with rain and there is thunder and lightning over head. It can only mean one thing – The Great British Summer is back!!!! I don't think it is possible to say this too many times so, I shall say it again – **thank you!** Everyone here at Positive East would like to say a **huge thank you** to you all, for your amazing and continued support. We, quite simply, could not do what we do without your help – **we think you are amazing!**

This month's Shout Out contains some very important news and updates for you from the world of volunteering here at Positive East.

A message from our Director, Mark Santos

Positive East, like a large number of organisations, is going through some significant changes at the moment, due to reductions in funding we get from some Local Councils. We are in the process of re-organising to strengthen the organisation for the future. Sadly, as a result of the changes some of our staff team will be leaving us.

Volunteering remains at the heart of what we do. We believe that through volunteering we can:

- support people on their personal journeys
- help build a stronger community
- benefit from the generous donation of skills and time from our volunteers

Thus, enabling the Charity to succeed.

Stewart Turnbull will still be our Volunteer Manager and the main point of contact for volunteers.

In the change, we will be increasing our focus on Peer Support with the development of a new Peer Support Team. The Charity will have a Peer Support Worker with lead responsibilities for people from African Communities & a Peer Support Worker who has a lead for Gay & Bisexual Men [MSM]. The new service will also have the flexibility to reach other communities and meet the different needs of people living with HIV. There will be a strong volunteering element to this service area, ensuring that we successfully meet the diverse range of needs of the individuals and communities we support.

We have created a new role of Health and Wellbeing Coordinator. This will allow us to strengthen activities that promote health and wellbeing and help us to develop some new services in the future.

In making the changes, we are also looking at creating more opportunities for volunteers to develop their skills and support the Charity in delivering our services in our counselling, prevention and advice teams. We will be creating volunteer opportunities that are tiered, so that there is a clear pathway of progression, if that is what people would like to do.

These are tough times which present difficult challenges. I am confident that with your kindness and generosity we will continue to successfully meet the needs of people living with and affected by HIV.

In order to provide an opportunity for us to explain things in more detail and to address any questions, concerns and comments you may have, we are holding a second special Volunteer Forum on **Tuesday 14th May,**

Date: Tuesday 14th June
Time: 6 pm
Venue: Positive East, 159 Mile End Road, London E1 4AQ

If you would like/are able to attend, please let Stewart know. You can contact him directly via:

email: stewart.turnbull@positiveeast.org.uk
Or call: 020 7791 9308

Mark Santos

March with us on the official Pride Parade – Saturday 25th March 2016

Once again, we shall be marching on the parade with banners saying **Stop HIV Cuts** and **United 4 PrEP**.

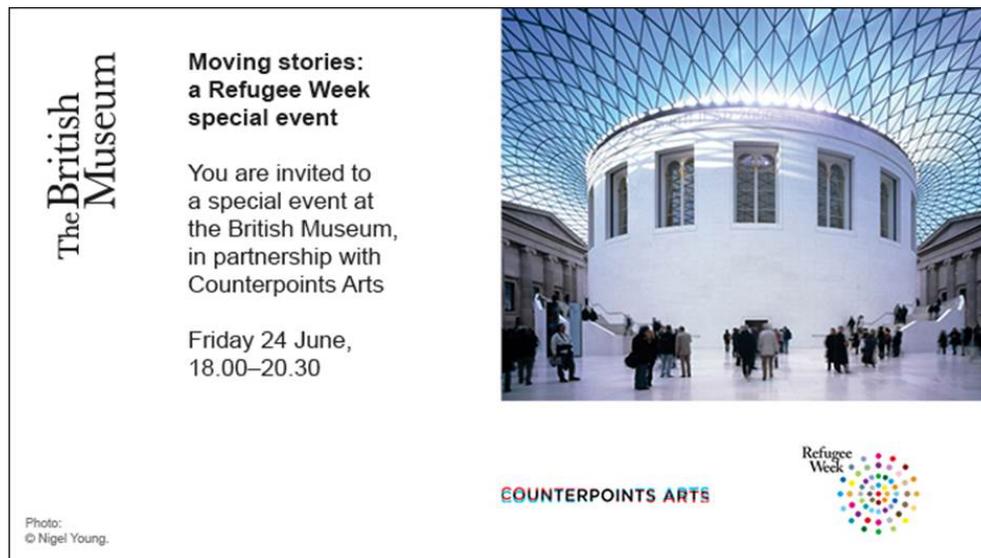
If you haven't been before, it's really good fun. So, why not come and **join us and march with for Pride on Saturday 25th June.**

We're really hoping to get as many people as possible to march with us this year so, please do let any friends/family know and tell them they are very welcome to join us. If there are any of your friends interested, please let me know and ask if it is ok pass on their email address so I can make sure they are kept up to date with our plans for meeting and marching on the day!

Please can you email Stewart to confirm you will be attending stewart.turnbull@positiveeast.org.uk



Another fantastic offer from our friends at The British Museum, brilliantly brokered by our fantastic Fundraising Volunteer Yan Mosaheb – Moving Stories: A Refugee Week special event at The British Museum
(Thanks Yan)



The British Museum

**Moving stories:
a Refugee Week
special event**

You are invited to
a special event at
the British Museum,
in partnership with
Counterpoints Arts

Friday 24 June,
18.00–20.30

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COUNTERPOINTS ARTS

Refugee
Week

Dear Fellow Volunteers

As part of Refugee Week (20 -26 June 2016), The British Museum is collaborating with Counterpoint Arts to organise a special Friday Late at the Museum. Refugee Week is organised by Counterpoints Arts as part of their mission to engage with refugee and migrant experiences through arts and cultural programmes.

The theme of this year's Refugee Week is 'Welcome' and we are inviting the public to get involved and find out about the positive contribution refugees have made and continue to make to the UK.

On the day you'll be able to explore the kind of tent the [United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees](#) would provide for refugee families across the world. You can create art work to add to a large 'Welcome' door installation in the Great Court, watch a performance by a young group of performers from [Dost](#) a centre that works with young refugees and migrants, who have been working with the Young Vic. Listen to Syrian Kanun Player Maya Youseff and music from around the world and watch a puppet show by Ice & Fire, who explore human right stories through performance.. The organisation [Amnesty International](#) will have a huge, interactive map you can add too and the [International Rescue Committee](#) will be inviting you to create artwork that will be sent back to classrooms in Nigeria as part of their '*Healing Classrooms*' projects.

The event is free and there is no need to RSVP, just turn up on the evening. A detailed programme will be available on the evening and the week before on their website, visit here for details of the event [Moving Stories: a Refugee Week special event](#)
<https://www.facebook.com/events/>

Best wishes
Yan Mosaheb
Fundraising Volunteer

That's All Folks

If you have any questions or comments arising from the Shout Out please, contact me directly via:

Email: Volunteering@positiveeast.org.uk

Tel: 020 7791 9308

Many thanks

Stewart Turnbull

Volunteer Manager

These volunteer Shout Outs are intended to keep you up to date with what is going on in the charity in relation to volunteering. I hope you find them useful.

However, if you would rather not receive them please do email me: stewart.turnbull@positiveeast.org.uk or call me on: 020 7791 9308 to let me know so that I can remove your name from the list.