

Community based Volunteer HIV Testers

Purpose of role:

- To be part of a team providing Point of care testing.
- The volunteer will be involved in ensuring the HIV testing clinic is a welcoming environment, undertaking the pre and post testing counselling and administering the HIV point of care tests.

Tasks

- To provide HIV Point of Care tests including the provision of pre and post test counselling to a prescribed standard. (training and supervision will be provided)
- To ensure that clients have a positive experience of the HIV testing clinic by making it a welcoming environment and ensuring that the service is of a high clinical standard.
- To help set up and close the clinic including ensuring that appropriate publicity and health related materials are available
- To ensure that registration, referral and monitoring information forms are completed accurately and appropriately
- To help ensure that HIV Point of care testing is delivered within Positive East's confidentiality policy, Equal Opportunities policy and health and safety Policy.
- To undergo and training or knowledge update as required by Positive East
- To be available to deliver 2 X 3 hour sessions a month for a minimum of six months.
- To keep abreast of developments in the HIV field and share them with colleagues and clients alike.

Training regarding all aspects of pre and post test counselling will be provided. All volunteers will also be required to undertake training on administering Point of Care tests. It is a requirement that all volunteers pass both aspects of the training to become a volunteer.

We are looking for the following skills and abilities

- Good written and spoken English
- Ability to be empathetic and have excellent listening skills
- An understanding of the importance of confidentiality and ability to maintain confidentiality and respect boundaries
- Ability to be non judgemental
- Some knowledge and understanding of the issues facing someone affected by HIV
- Knowledge of HIV and HIV transmission
- Ability to remain calm under difficult circumstances
- Experience of working with different cultures and different sexualities