



## Volunteer Health Trainer Role Description - Tower Hamlets

### Purpose of Early Testing Outreach Volunteers

To inform and advice customers of venues on Positive East service for Early HIV Testing.

### Volunteer Responsibilities

- To operate as a member of a team to promote Positive East and its services
- To promote HIV testing at Positive East.
- To do a simple questionnaire with customers of the venue.
- To maintain confidentiality all the times
- To provide a service which is appropriate for, and sensitive to, the needs of the client group
- To keep informed and up-to-date with issues relating to HIV and sexual health
- Partake in monitoring/evaluation of projects
- Collect information/needs assessment to help with identifying of needs for the development of Positive East services.

### Volunteer Commitments

- To attend induction and on-going training sessions and meetings
- To provide an initial commitment of working at least one outreach session per month of 4 hours
- To be available to work, sometimes at short notice, and to be flexible in working patterns when necessary
- To be willing to be supervised and attend supervision, and be accountable to the community development officer in the Community Support Services Team
- To adhere to, and work in accordance with policies on volunteering
- Commitment of six months

### Functional Skills Required by Volunteers

- Knowledge of Positive East work, its mission and its vision (this will be provided in training).
- Some basic knowledge of sexual health issues, HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, and other sexually transmitted infections (STI's)
- Ability to communicate with a wide range of people
- Ability to work evening and weekends
- Reliability and punctuality
- To function effectively as a member of a team
- A commitment to maintaining confidentiality
- A non-judgmental attitude
- A commitment to challenging discrimination, particularly in respect of racism, sexism, disability, and homophobia , and an understanding of how equal opportunities policies can be translated into practice
- Listening skills
- Ability to work in gay venues e.g., pubs, clubs, cottages and cruising areas
- Willing to work in public sex venues (PSV) e.g. saunas and sex clubs and PSE e.g. cottages and cruising areas.
- Out of pocket expenses paid e.g. transport and food
- An outgoing personality, sensitivity, and a sense of humour!!
- A professional approach at all times while working.