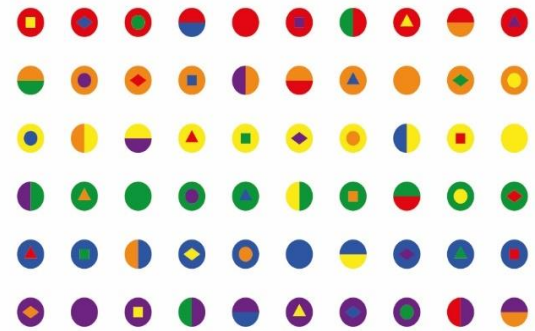


Pride Stall Volunteer



Thank you for signing up to volunteer with akt at our Pride stall!

In 1989, akt (formerly known as The Albert Kennedy Trust) was founded in Manchester by an ally Cath Johnson (née Hall).

This was at a time when LGBTQ+ people faced persistent and high levels of oppression, physical and verbal abuse, and were denied the basic human rights and equity afforded to others. Cath stood up and galvanised the LGBTQ+ community of Manchester by leading the world's first response by a charity to the many LGBTQ+ young people who faced rejection, abuse, and homelessness just for being brave enough to come out to their families.

akt supports LGBTQ+ young people aged 16-25 in the UK who are facing or experiencing homelessness or living in a hostile environment. We support young people into safe homes and employment, education or training, in a welcoming and open environment that celebrates LGBTQ+ identities. The pandemic and lockdowns have had a significant impact on LGBTQ+ young people, as well as other marginalised groups including those from ethnic minority backgrounds and disabled people. Marginalised groups have not only dealt with the pandemic but also the rise of transphobic rhetoric in the media and spikes in racism.

About the role:

The responsibility of our pride team at our stall is to engage people in a variety of ways and raise awareness about akt's work and the services we provide. At our stall, we will have lots of information leaflets and resources, sweets, badges, stickers, and cupcakes which will be on hand for you to give out to Pride attendees but also to other organisations 😊

Our resources and freebies are a great way to engage people walking past, or a simple **'have you heard of akt?'**

(bear in mind that we have had a rebrand a few years ago so some people may still know of us as 'The Albert Kennedy Trust')

This role will consist of:

- Setting up and setting down the stall (dependent on your shift time)
- Staffing the stall throughout the event. Chairs will be provided.
- Engaging members of the public by being approachable and proactive – we will have lots of goodies!!

Volunteering at a Pride event is about enjoying yourself, but we do ask that as a representative of akt:

- Please avoid causing obstruction, congestion, and nuisance to the public
- Do not take photos which include other people without their consent (safeguarding training) **but please do take photos** and send them over to our Marcomms team marcomms@akt.org.uk 📷 🙋

If you would prefer to not be filmed or photographed by akt directly please let them or a member of akt staff know.

- Please do not post on your social media until after your shift is over
- There will be a zero tolerance to alcohol consumption whilst volunteering at the stall

Think about how your actions and behaviour could be interpreted or you will be asked to leave.



Skills/experience required:

- an interest in helping akt raise awareness of our work and the young people we support
- confidence in talking to members of the public
- an understanding of the challenges faced by LGBTQ+ homeless young people (an induction around the specific work of akt will be provided)

What you will gain:

- Knowledge that your volunteering is having a direct impact on the awareness of the charity and therefore on the lives of the young people we support
- The opportunity to meet a wide variety of people and be part of a vibrant team
- Experience of volunteering as part of the LGBTQ+ community and the chance to attend a variety of exciting events Increased confidence and communication skills

Time commitment:

Each event usually requires volunteers' attendance for either a morning or afternoon shift which will usually last 3 hours.

support arrangements/mobility accessibility:

Volunteers' involvement in any event will be managed and guided by the akt who are on hand during the preparation of each event and during the event itself to answer any questions you may have.

Mobility accessibility for those with wheelchairs or walking aids will be dependent on each event. Chairs will be provided at the stall. For each Pride, we will have the info to hand so that you may have the information available on the day. We would also like to advise that these events are usually very crowded and busy and that this should be taken into account when signing up for volunteering, especially if you have certain sensory sensitivities. If you have any queries, feel free to contact astrid.ryan@akt.org.uk

Expenses:

Travel to/from events **if you live locally** and food expenses will be reimbursed.

Application:

Application is via a short application form. Volunteers will attend an online 'welcome to akt' introductory session and an event specific induction. Volunteers will receive a pre-event briefing ahead of each event.