

cheer-point (cheerleader) London Marathon volunteer role description

akt supports LGBTQ+ young people aged 16-25 in the UK who are facing or experiencing homelessness or living in a hostile environment. The London Services team are made up of caseworkers who provide support work for young people who are experiencing homelessness. The responsibility of the fundraising team at akt is to engage people in a variety of ways and encourage them to donate to or fundraise to aid in our work supporting young people.

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join us at one of our cheer points at the **London Marathon** on **Sunday 21st April**. We will be there to cheer for a runner/akt supporter who will be taking part on the day. All we ask from our cheer point volunteers is to be able to give a few hours of their time on the morning of the race, and to make as much noise as possible and give our runner a huge cheer as they pass by!

suggested activities:

- Collecting donations at events using buckets, card readers or QR codes
- Cheering and making as much noise as possible with our akt pom poms and an akt t-shirt

skills/experience required:

- An enthusiastic attitude
- An interest in helping akt raise awareness of our work and the young people we support
- Confidence talking to members of the public
- No previous experience is necessary
- An understanding of the challenges faced by LGBTQ+ homeless young people

what you will gain:

- Knowledge that your volunteering is having a direct impact on the financial success of the charity and therefore on the lives of the young people we support
- Opportunity to meet a wide variety of people
- Increased confidence and communication skills

time commitment:

3-4 hrs

location:

London (The exact location of the cheer point will be shared in the briefing sent to you via email before the event)

expenses:

Travel to/from the event and food expenses will be reimbursed if volunteering for 4+ hours

application:

If you are external and not already signed up as an akt volunteer, all you have to do is fill out an application form. After that, you will then be invited for an informal chat. This will occur as and when we receive applications. You will also receive a pre-event briefing ahead of the London Marathon.