

digital community outreach volunteer

Hours: 3 hrs weekly/bi-weekly

Location: must attend an in-person meeting once a month at our Newcastle Office (11-2pm)

akt is committed to being an inclusive place to work and volunteer that represents the diverse communities we serve. We actively encourage applications from candidates with diverse backgrounds and with lived experience. We particularly encourage applications from Black, Brown and People of Colour, transgender and non-binary identities and disability groups. All applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability or age.

About Us

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.

Why volunteer with us?

The akt Outreach Programme aims to spread the word about akt far and wide with the goal of letting as many LGBTQ+ young people as possible know we're here to support them if or when they need us. Community outreach volunteers are passionate and eager to share their knowledge of our cause with others whether it's dropping off leaflets at a venue, attending a LGBTQ+ Fair/event or contacting youth agencies, schools and colleges with information about our services. **Please note: this role is quite admin-heavy and will require availability to attend events either during the week/weekend (usually once a month, depending on events available)**

What you'll do:

As a community outreach volunteer, you'll:

- Using your existing networks to spread the word about akt to young LGBTQ+ people who may be experiencing homelessness or living vulnerably
- Accessing online spaces or LGBTQ+ groups
- Visit LGBTQ+ spaces, schools, colleges, and other venues to distribute resources

- Participate in LGBTQ+ events and fairs
- (optional) carry out small research projects to support akt's outreach goals

Key skills and qualities:

- Good communication skills
- Basic IT skills, including experience with Microsoft Outlook
- Familiarity with your local area and enthusiasm for our mission
- Creative
- Flexible
- (Desirable) Research skills and an understanding of issues affecting LGBTQ+ young people

What you will gain:

- Opportunities to meet like-minded people and connect with your community
- it's a great way to increase your knowledge of the charity sector, helping you in your personal and professional development
- a reference for future opportunities
- the opportunity to be part of the akt team and social opportunities with other volunteers

Time Commitment:

Flexible to fit around you but should dedicate 3-4 hours per week and must be able to come into the office once a month (Wednesday from 11-2 pm)

Training, Induction and Supervision Arrangements

Volunteers will receive an induction as well as an opportunity to provide feedback every 6 weeks. There will be a member of staff present when in the office.

Expenses

Travel and other reasonable expenses for volunteering sessions lasting 4+ hours on one day.

Application Process

Complete an application form through our CRM platform, Volunteero. After submitting your application, we'll arrange an informal discussion/interview about your skills and how you can contribute. Interviews will be scheduled as applications are received.