Volunteer Opportunity – Student Services

Volunteer Peer Education Trainer

We’re excited to announce the launch of a brand new programme at the University of Dundee ‘Together we can end GBV’.

And we need you! The programme’s success is based on the involvement of student volunteers who will run and deliver training sessions for other students. We are looking for students who will:

- Attend training run by national specialist organisation Rape Crisis Scotland to learn about facilitation skills, gender-based violence (with a focus on sexual violence), and how to deliver a workshop about gender-based violence.
- Work with the Student Support Worker (Wellbeing and Sexual Violence Prevention) to organise training opportunities for students.
- Keep in contact and meet with the Student Support Worker (Wellbeing and Sexual Violence Prevention) for regular support sessions.
- Deliver with another peer education volunteer a training session to students on at least one occasion. You will be trained and supported to deliver this training session.
- There will also be an opportunity at the end of this programme to volunteer to assist training future volunteer trainers to ensure this programme continues.

More information about this role

Where? Both training and the volunteer role will take place at the University of Dundee.

What time will I need to commit? We ask you to attend 3x1 day training sessions (to be held on 15, 16 and 17 January 2020). When volunteering, in order to gain the full volunteer experience, we ask you to deliver at least 1 training session to students. You will deliver training sessions with another volunteer. One of the best aspects of this volunteer opportunity is that there is flexibility in terms of when you will undertake volunteering and this will be negotiated with the other trainers in the group and Sarah Browne.

Is there training provided? You will be asked to attend three x 1 day sessions at the University of Dundee. The sessions will be delivered by Rape Crisis Scotland, the lead national organisation campaigning to end sexual violence.

What about expenses? It is unlikely that there will be expenses associated with this role but any out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed.
Do I need to provide references?
Two references (we do not accept references from family or friends) are required.

What about qualifications or experience?
You do not need any qualifications as all training and support for this role will be provided. We hope that through this experience you will develop knowledge and skills. However, when completing the volunteer form it would be helpful for you to think about some of the experiences you've already had and the skills you've developed through these. We're particularly interested in connecting with people who want to develop skills in the following areas:

- Presenting to groups
- Dealing with sensitive topics
- Working in a team
- Organisational skills
- Communication skills
- Empathy

This sounds like the opportunity for me but what should I expect to gain from this experience?
We aim for everyone involved to have the best volunteer experience possible. We hope to be able to build a team of trainers who feel confident and supported to have conversations with others on campus about gender-based violence. From this experience you will gain:

- Completion of training delivered by the lead national organisation campaigning to end sexual violence
- Facilitation skills and how to manage group training sessions
- Knowledge and understanding of gender-based violence: its causes, the consequences, and its impact
- How to deliver sensitive topics to groups of people in a supportive and interactive way
- Ability to organise a training session and to work with others in the delivery of this
- Confidence in presenting complex and sensitive information to others

Do you still have questions?
That's not a problem. If you've still got questions or need to clarify any of the above, please contact Sarah Browne. She is based in the Enquiry Centre and can be contacted by email: s.y.browne@dundee.ac.uk or by going to the Enquiry Centre and asking to make an appointment with Sarah.

Next Steps
Please complete and return the following forms by **9.30am on 4 November 2019**.

You can return the form electronically to s.y.browne@dundee.ac.uk or by handing in a paper copy to the Enquiry Centre.
If you have any questions about this process, please contact Sarah Browne, Student Support Worker (Wellbeing and Sexual Violence Prevention):

E: s.y.browne@dundee.ac.uk
T: 01382 381900

We aim to be as flexible as possible and Sarah is happy to chat to you about any concerns or questions you might have.

**What happens next?**

Once you've submitted this form we will let you know the outcome by 15th November 2019.

It is anticipated that we will receive a high number of volunteer forms and we might not be able to invite everyone to an informal interview. If this applies to you, we will offer support and advice about where to go next for volunteer opportunities.

If you are invited to attend training. These sessions will be held on:

- Training Session 1 - 15 January 2020
- Training Session 2 - 16 January 2020
- Training Session 3 - 17 January 2020

While you attend training, we will gather references and we will need to receive these before you begin the volunteer role.