

Supervisor: Community Engagement Coordinator

Level: Speakers Network is ranked as a **Tier 3 position** (See brochure for details on Tiers).

Position Description: People living with HIV present the HIV 201 (Living with HIV/AIDS) presentation to various groups such as schools, community organizations, social service agencies, universities, churches, workplace environments, and/or AIDS Calgary training workshops.

Objective:

- To engage people living with HIV in AIDS Calgary's programming.
- To share personal stories, describing how HIV/AIDS has affected the presenter, in areas such as work life, relationships, physical health, social life, etc.
- To build compassionate environments and spread information about prevention, honouring the mission and goals of AIDS Calgary, and striving to reduce stigma and discrimination through these processes.

Time Commitment:

- Must have flexible, day-time, weekday availability
- Some weekend shifts may be available for community events
- Presentation times and locations vary from month to month
- Attendance at ongoing training when offered is mandatory

Responsibilities:

- Develop and present an HIV 201 (Living with HIV/AIDS) workshop. The individual will create a presentation which focuses on sharing their personal story of being affected by HIV. This may include physical, emotional, and psychological effects of HIV/AIDS on them and their loved ones
- The Community Engagement Coordinator will assist the individual in creating the presentation, building public speaking skills and getting comfortable presenting in front of an audience
- Occasionally may be asked to present the HIV 101 workshop or speak about AIDS Calgary Awareness Association, including its objectives, mission, programs and brief history
- Occasional opportunities to staff the AIDS Calgary booth at events to provide information to the public on AIDS Calgary Awareness Association and HIV/AIDS
- Respect AIDS Calgary Awareness Association's confidentiality policy and represent AIDS Calgary in a professional and respectful manner while working with the community

Qualifications:

- Individual is currently living with HIV/AIDS
- Must be comfortable sharing personal experiences and issues
- Comfort talking about HIV/AIDS and sexuality in a wide range of settings and cultures
- Interest in public speaking and education
- Willingness to undertake independent learning about HIV/AIDS including medical, social, psychological, and political issues, as well as partake in agency workshops and listen to guest speakers from a range of specialties and backgrounds
- Excellent communication skills

- Ability to travel to locations in Calgary by vehicle or public transit is required
- Ability to communicate in a second language would be an asset (but not required) for presenting to diverse populations

Training:

- One Core Training day, which includes the following workshops: Challenging Stereotypes, Safer Sex & HIV/AIDS and Living with HIV/AIDS.
- Speakers Network program specific training:
 - Work with program staff to develop and adapt presentation as needed
 - Attend ongoing training workshops
 - Observe two *HIV 201* presentations
 - Take part in two mock presentations with staff and/or experienced volunteers.

Benefits:

- AIDS Calgary's GIPA (greater involvement of people living with HIV) project will pay a volunteer to do this role.
- Hours and participation will be tracked and can be provided by the Coordinator of Volunteer Engagement for various purposes required by the volunteer, such as post-secondary applications or work references (after completing 30 hours of volunteering)
- Opportunity to develop public speaking skills
- Opportunity to be involved with Special Projects within the program involving research and program development, etc.
- The volunteer will gain current information about HIV/AIDS
- Invitations to volunteer appreciation events, special agency events or workshops, and community celebrations, including those geared toward People living with HIV and AIDS
- Receive the AIDS Calgary newsletter and Volunteer newsletter
- Volunteer can participate in the Annual General Meeting

Application Requirements:

- Submit a volunteer application
- Interview with the Coordinator of Volunteer Engagement
- Police Background Check
- Two telephone reference checks will be completed
- Read and sign a Volunteer Contract and Oath of Confidentiality

** All volunteers will participate in a 3 month evaluation with the volunteer supervisor and an annual evaluation with the Coordinator of Volunteer Engagement.

Questions? Interested in being an AIDS Calgary Volunteer?

Contact us:

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(403) 508-2500

Or download the application form from our website

<http://www.aidscalgary.org/getInvolved/volunteer.shtml>