

Speaker's Network – HIV 101

Supervisor: Community Education Worker

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

Position Description: Volunteers present the HIV 101 presentation to junior high and high school students and other organizations such as community groups, social service agencies, universities & colleges, churches, new Canadians and workplace environments.

Objective:

- The presentations strive to increase understanding and awareness of HIV/AIDS, including information on transmission and prevention
- Volunteers work to build compassionate environments, honouring the mission and goals of AIDS Calgary and strive to reduce fear 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, but volunteers will generally be given 1 to 2 weeks notice for each presentation
- Each volunteer is required to participate in a minimum of one presentation per month
- Attendance at Speaker's Network meetings (once every two months) is mandatory

Responsibilities:

- Present the HIV 101 workshop as requested by various audiences, which covers the following areas and themes: HIV/AIDS myths and facts, definitions, transmission, prevention and testing
- Speak about AIDS Calgary Awareness Association, including its objectives, mission, programs and brief history
- Occasionally 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:

- 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
- Open to working with a team of volunteers in a diverse setting
- 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:
 - Attend Speakers Network training workshop
 - Observe two *HIV 101* presentations in a class setting
 - Co-present with experienced presenter

Benefits:

- Volunteer hours and participation will be tracked and can be provided by the Volunteer Program Coordinator 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 benefit from current information about HIV/AIDS
- Invitations to volunteer appreciation events, special agency events or workshops, and community celebrations
- 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 Volunteer Program Coordinator
- AIDS Calgary will conduct a 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 Volunteer Program Coordinator.

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>