

Community Outreach Volunteer

Role Title:	Community Outreach Volunteer
Location:	Edinburgh and the Lothians
Hours:	Attending events as agreed with the team. Typical events will last from 2-5 hours and may involve some evening and weekend work
Reports to:	National Peer Support & Volunteering Manager/ Health Improvement Manager
Enquiries:	For enquiries related to this role please contact hello@waverleycare.org , and one of the team will respond to you as soon as possible

About Waverley Care

Scotland is on track to be one of the first countries in the world to achieve zero HIV transmissions, and Waverley Care will play an essential role in getting us there.

A positive HIV diagnosis still has the power to knock people off their feet and impact every part of their lives. People living with HIV still carry the burden of decades of discrimination and misinformation about HIV. HIV is treatable, but the stigma and shame surrounding HIV holds people back and makes it different to other life-long conditions. Stigma and the fear of an HIV diagnosis still prevents many people at risk getting a test and knowing their status.

Our vision is for a Scotland where no one faces HIV alone, we will achieve this by fighting stigma and empowering people living with HIV to live full and healthy lives.

Waverley Care is Scotland's leading HIV and hepatitis C charity, and everything we do is guided by the experiences of the people we work with – this ranges from shaping the services we deliver through to how we influence national policy around sexual health and blood borne viruses.

We are at an exciting point in our history as we strive to reach the goal of zero transmissions by 2030. There is much work to be done, but as an organisation we are driven to create lasting change for everyone in Scotland living with, or at risk of HIV or hepatitis C.

You can find out more about the work we do at our website www.waverleycare.org.

About the role

Community Outreach Volunteers have the opportunity to support our various outreach sessions across Edinburgh and the Lothians.

These will generally include information stalls and workshops, where we promote our services, signpost to partner organisations, and answer people's questions about sexual health. Typical events will last from 2-5 hours and may involve some evening and weekend work.

About the person

Volunteers make a vital contribution to our work across Scotland, and anyone with an open-mind and enthusiasm can get involved.

We are currently looking for Community Outreach Volunteers to join the team. You will enjoy talking to new people, and bring a friendly, approachable, and non-judgmental attitude to the role. You will be willing to learn about the work of Waverley Care, and about sexual health more generally, so that you can answer basic questions and provide relevant information to members of the public.

You will also appreciate that it's ok to say 'I don't know'! Sexual health is an ever-changing field, and we are always learning new things. There will always be a staff member supporting outreach events, so volunteers are welcome to pass questions on to staff if they don't know the answer.

Key strengths

- **Friendly:** You will enjoy meeting new people, can bring a positive, welcoming energy, and value people of all experiences and walks of life.
- **Informed (or willing to learn):** You will have a background in sexual health, or a desire to learn. No prior knowledge is needed as we will provide training, but we want to ensure that volunteers feel confident in their knowledge of basic sexual health topics and local services by the end of training.
- **Reliable:** You will be able to organise your own time and be committed to attending events at allotted times.

Support and training

- **Training:** You will be offered induction training, and role-specific training as required.
- **Supervision:** You will have the opportunity to check-in with staff every 6 weeks, and after each outreach session.
- **Additional Support:** Volunteers can make use of 'Office Hours' with the National Peer Support and Volunteer Lead. Also, volunteers can access any Waverley Care service as needed, or asked to be signposted to other services if uncomfortable using ours.