



Trans Youth Peer Supporter

This volunteer role provides peer support to trans, non-binary and gender diverse young people.

What you'll be doing:

- Providing peer support
- Connecting with, listening to, and validating young people's experiences
- Supporting young people with workshops and content
- Sharing information and resources
- Working in a team
- Promoting the values of peer support
- Setting up and packing down the venue
- Reflective debrief after sessions
- Other tasks as needed

Skills, experience and qualities needed:

- Lived experience as a trans, non-binary or gender diverse young person (18-25 years). This is required due to being a peer support program.
- Strong verbal communication skills including listening and asking curious questions.
- People skills such as: friendliness, open mindedness, and active listening.

Desirable, but not required (training can be provided):

- An understanding of the values and principles of peer support
- An understanding of strengths-based and recovery-based principles
- Knowledge of the systems trans and non-binary folks need to navigate to access gender affirming healthcare and support

Time Commitment:

The Youth Peer Workshop Program runs on 10 Saturdays 3-5pm March-May 2022.

A minimum commitment of one session a fortnight or 5 Saturday afternoons between March-May 2022 is required. Each volunteer shift is around 3.5 hours (including prep time, debrief and pack down).

Attendance of a peer support training day is also required in late February.

Other information:

The Trans Youth Peer Program will likely be held in Leederville.

You will need:

- A Working With Children Check – TransFolk of WA can support you in obtaining this
- To arrange your own transport to the venue

Support Offered:

You'll be part of a team of other youth peer supporters with a lead session facilitator. There will be a team debrief after each youth peer program session. This will be a chance for the team to check in with each other and debrief anything that may have come up in the session.



There will be peer support training provided and training on gender affirming supports for young people.

You'll receive an induction into volunteering with TransFolk of WA. The Youth Project Officer will be the point of contact re volunteering responsibilities and commitments.

Benefits of the role:

- Sense of satisfaction knowing you've supported someone or provided information and resources
- Gaining experience in peer support
- Opportunity to learn from others more experienced in peer support
- Learning about experiences and issues that people in the community encounter
- Being connected to the broader group of TransFolk of WA Volunteers

What to do if you're interested:

Head to the TransFolk of WA website and complete the volunteer expression of interest online form.

The form will ask for:

- Your contact details
- How you identify (as a peer organisation, this is relevant)
- A paragraph outlining why you're interested in the role
- A paragraph responding to the information in this role description
- Information on your skills