

Educational Volunteer Role Description

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with KeshetUK. Our vision is of a world where no one is forced to choose between their LGBT+ and Jewish identity and our mission is to ensure that Jewish LGBT+ people and their families are included throughout Jewish life in the UK. We work with Jewish schools, youth and young adult organisations, synagogues and wider Jewish communal organisations in-order to achieve this goal.

Our Educational Volunteers play an important role in KeshetUK's work. For all of our volunteering roles, our priority is that you feel prepared. Our volunteering programme includes training on all of our content as well as additional skills such as public speaking, facilitation and mentoring. Each volunteer gets to observe the training before delivery, to ensure they feel comfortable and prepared. Additionally, all our education volunteers work in pairs to ensure they are supported by a more experienced facilitator.

As an Educational Volunteer, some of the opportunities include:

- Co-delivery of KeshetUK's assemblies and workshops in Jewish schools for years 7 to 13
- Co-facilitation of training to teachers at Jewish primary and secondary schools
- Supporting the facilitation of our LGBT+ inclusion training
- Co-facilitating our leadership training in youth and young adult organisations
- Co-ordinating our innovative educational enrichment activities (for example our film series and festivals programme) in collaboration with Jewish communities
- Working with KeshetUK staff to develop content for our education programme

We are particularly in need of volunteers who have daytime availability and experience of working in formal and informal education settings.

What you can gain from volunteering with KeshetUK:

- Contributing and impacting to the vision of a world where no one is forced to choose between their LGBT+ and Jewish identity
- Develop informal education skills and confidence
- Evidence for future jobs around facilitation skills, time management, an additional reference
- Flexible opportunities around your commitments
- Get to meet new and inspirational people from your communities
- Participate in social events for volunteers
- Knowledge of the Jewish and LGBT+ communities through the training you will receive and the people you will meet

Training & Support Provided:

- All volunteers complete an induction which will be a minimum of 6 hours
- When you are delivering, you will be paired with a senior volunteer or staff member
- You will be given training in all aspects that KeshetUK believe are necessary for your role.
- We offer 1-1 mentor support
- You will be supported by our Director of Programmes and Programme & Volunteer Officer

What we would like you to bring to the role:

- Commitment to KeshetUK's vision and mission
- Willingness to speak publicly (we will train you on this if you do not have this experience yet!)
- Being a good communicator and listener
- A willingness to talk about your journey as an LGBT+ person or an ally (someone who is not LGBT+ but actively supports the community); Training and ongoing support will be provided for this
- Being willing to travel within London and to activities outside of London if necessary
- Ability to answer challenging questions (with which we will support you)
- Be reliable and follow guidance
- Time management skills, as sessions will need to be kept to a time frame
- Reflect on sessions that you have observed or delivered
- Being able to deliver activities on topics relating to gender and sexuality
- Being available for a minimum of 3 hours per month
- An understanding of the Jewish and LGBT+ communities would be advantageous, but not essential

Current Volunteer Testimonies:

"Volunteering at KeshetUK has been a fantastic way of engaging both my queer and Jewish identities in a productive manner surrounded by warm people of relevant experience. It has been an opportunity to learn and grow with Jewish communities throughout London in a way that I believed I didn't have access to. Excellent all around, I certainly recommend volunteering with these lovely folks."

"It has been a rewarding & educational experience volunteering with KeshetUK. Giving me a chance to contribute to both the Jewish and LGBT+ communities. The working conditions are great and a big thank you to the staff for the training provided & their continued hard work."

"As a KeshetUK volunteer I have gained more knowledge about the breadth of the LGBT+ community and gained confidence working with teenagers and in school settings. It's an incredibly rewarding volunteer role."

References:

We ask volunteers to provide details of a referee for our volunteer roles. This is to help us confirm the identity of our volunteers and to build up a better understanding of them.

Volunteer Expenses:

We believe that no volunteer should find themselves out-of-pocket because of expenses incurred when carrying out their volunteering activities on our behalf. As a volunteer, you can claim out-of-pocket expenses in line with KeshetUK's Volunteer Expenses Policy.

Criminal Record Checks:

We ask all volunteers to fill out a self-disclosure section in our application form. Having a criminal record may not prevent you from volunteering with us, but we will need further conversations. Your staff contact will provide you with further information on this process.

Any questions or want to apply?

Please contact us at volunteers@keshetuk.org or apply at www.keshetuk.org/volunteer. All KeshetUK volunteers must be 18 years old or above.