IT GETS BETTER UK

Role Description – Pride Helper

It Gets Better UK envisions a world where all LGBTQ+ youth are free to live equally and know their worthiness and power as individuals. We strive to tell the stories of LGBTQ+ people and to provide positive and reassuring messages to LGBTQ+ youth.

At Pride, we share positive stories from members of the LGBTQ+ community. We encourage attendees to share their story, message to their younger self, or message of support. The conversations we have are uplifting and often emotional. <u>Here's last year's highlights reel!</u>

We are recruiting volunteers to oversee and help at Pride stalls across the UK.

- To help us at a stall, read about our Pride Helper role below and <u>fill out our form to apply.</u>
- Or, if you want to **oversee** an It Gets Better UK Pride stall in your local area, head to our <u>Regional</u> <u>Ambassador role description.</u>

What will I be doing?

- Choose one or more Pride events which you commit to attending with us.
- Help set up and tidy up stand at beginning/end of event.
- Welcome people to the stall, invite them to learn about stories from others in the community, and share their own stories.
- Support fundraising and raising awareness with our branded badges.
- Engage event participants in positive messaging opportunities and story-collecting via our whiteboards: "a message to my younger self".
- Get photo consent from participants so that we can share their messages on our platforms.
- Help produce video messages, recording participants' stories of hope.
- Promote volunteering roles within It Gets Better and let people know to how to get involved.
- Signpost people to our resources and how we can support them.
- Listen to stall attendees' stories with warmth and respect.

What skills / experience do I need?

- A personable and friendly manner
- Confidence in crowds, speaking to strangers and members of the public
- Sensitivity to, awareness of LGBTQ+ issues

Which Pride events will It Gets Better UK be at?

- We'll have a presence across the UK, with a rolling list on our sign-up form.
- Don't see us at a Pride near you? Consider becoming an <u>It Gets Better Regional Ambassador</u> and running a stall with our support!

Time commitment: Pride events are usually Saturdays in June, July, August. Full-day or half-day.

Support for you: You'll receive our Volunteer Handbook and attend a briefing. Each stall will have multiple volunteers so nobody is alone.

What will I gain?

- The satisfaction that you are helping to inspire and empower LGBTQ+ youth
- Being part of an international movement
- The opportunity to use your existing skills as well as develop and learn new ones
- It Gets Better UK will act as a referee for you after your successful participation
- Reimbursement of expenses incurred (with prior agreement)

How do I apply?

<u>Please fill out our form.</u> We'll then meet online for an introductory conversation, seek a reference, and share our resources for you to read.