

akt PRIDE Parade volunteer role description

No. of volunteers required for each pride: 5

Location: Manchester Pride and UK Black Pride

akt is committed to being an inclusive place to work and volunteer that represents the diverse communities we serve. We actively encourage applications from candidates with diverse backgrounds and with lived experience. We particularly encourage applications from Black, Brown and People of Colour, transgender and non-binary identities and disability groups. All applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability or age.

about us

akt supports LGBTQ+ young people aged 16-25 in the UK who are facing or experiencing homelessness or living in a hostile environment. We support young people into safe homes and employment, education or training, in a welcoming and open environment that celebrates LGBTQ+ Identities. 136,000 young people in the UK are homeless. 24% of those are LGBTQ+, made homeless by rejection or abuse from family. For as long as LGBTQ+ young people are subject to hostility, exclusion and insecurity, our services will be vitally needed.

about the role

Pride is a celebration of the full rainbow spectrum of the diverse LGBTQ+ community, a chance to connect with community, and to stand up for the rights of all LGBTQ+ people. The responsibility of our pride team at the parade is to have fun! The Parade is your time to shine. There will be loads of eyes on you so engage with the spectators and shout loud 'n' proud about the work that akt does.

The role will consist of:

- meeting at the akt office, helping carry flags and banners to the parade
- wearing an akt t-shirt (this will be provided)
- being approachable and proactive if asked about the work that we do when engaging with walkers and spectators in the parade
- being reliable and punctual
- ensuring you are aware of the pace of the float/walkers in front of you and maintain 5 metres distance from them

As much as we want you to enjoy yourselves at the parade, we ask that as a representative of akt:

- please treat all staff, service users and other volunteers with respect
- communicate any issues, concerns or feedback with a member of staff
- please do not take photos which include other people without their consent (we will ask for a Photo Consent Form to be signed before/on the day)
- avoid causing obstruction, congestion, and nuisance whilst walking in the parade. **Think about how your actions and behaviour could be interpreted or you will be asked to leave.**

skills/experience required

- Good communication skills
- an interest in helping akt raise awareness of our work and the young people we support
- an understanding of the challenges faced by LGBTQ+ homeless young people

What you will gain

- knowledge that your volunteering is having a direct impact on the success of the charity and therefore on the lives of the young people we support
- opportunity to meet a wide variety of people and be part of a vibrant team
- experience of volunteering as part of the LGBTQ+ community

Time Commitment

Depending on the length of the parade, you will be volunteering with us for **3-5 hrs.**

Expenses

Travel to/from events **if you live locally** and food expenses will be reimbursed.

Application Process

If you are not already on our system as an akt volunteer, you will need to fill out an application form via our CRM database Volunteero. You will then be invited to an informal chat and a detailed pre-pride briefing ahead of each event. In the event of cancellations, we will create a waiting list and will contact you if/when someone can no longer attend the event.

Deadline: Friday 16th August