



glcs
GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES

VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

PUBLIC SPEAKING

ABOUT COMMUNITY EDUCATION @ GLCS

GLCS public speakers are people who are willing and able to speak to community groups about both personal experiences relating to their sexuality and about general issues faced by same-sex attracted (SSA) people in general. Groups who ask GLCS for public speakers include High Schools, TAFE colleges and Universities, as well as private and public organisations in the health, welfare, and education fields.

The role of a GLCS public speaker is to present a positive image of the GLBTIQ community to the broader public and to provide information to challenge common myths and stereotypes about SSA people.

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

- Public speaking
- Community stalls
- Fundraising event support

TRAINING

- GLCS Public Speaking Training (1 day)
- Buddy training with experienced speakers
- Attendance at GLCS professional development sessions

VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Our ideal public speaker:

- Is focused, clear-thinking and self-motivated
- Not fazed by awkward, misguided, or otherwise inappropriate questions, or statements, and able to respond to these in a non-antagonistic manner
- Willing and able to appropriately self-disclose information about their own life experiences
- Is prepared to challenge their own beliefs and assumptions and is open to new ideas and perspectives
- Accepts that their audience may be hostile and or antagonistic to them, and their views
- Likes to meet and work with new people!

RECENT PUBLIC SPEAKING GIGS

- Big Day Out stall
- WA College of GPs
- Perth Baptist Church
- Ballajura Community College
- Curtin Uni Counselling Service
- Notre Dame Uni Medical Students

TIME COMMITMENT

- Variable and intermittent
- Attendance at GLCS professional development sessions

SKILLS YOU WILL DEVELOP OR ACQUIRE

- Improve your general communication skills
- Gain confidence and experience at public speaking
- Develop skills in collaborative group work and improve your interpersonal skills
- Learn about ethics and boundary setting
- Gain a better understanding of yourself and a greater capacity for self-reflection

GLCS has a *public speaking package* to help guide our speakers and provide tips on topics such as addressing small groups and appropriate self-disclosure.