

Oxford Friend Training Application Form



Oxford Friend Mission Statement:

'To provide the highest quality of response to all those seeking information, support and counselling on lesbian, gay, bisexual, and related issues.'

Introduction:

- As part of becoming a volunteer, all applicants are invited to a semi-structured interview.
- The purpose of this form is two-fold; first to provide the applicant with some information about the qualities being looked for, and second to provide the group with information about the volunteer. Details will be treated as confidential within the group.

Qualities: (Note: previous counselling experience is not necessary)

Essential:

- Applicants must identify as lesbian, gay or bisexual.
- Applicants must be:
 - ⇒ Honest
 - ⇒ Self-aware
 - ⇒ Tolerant
 - ⇒ Committed to training
 - ⇒ Committed to regular attendance at meetings
 - ⇒ Reliable Self-aware Flexible
 - ⇒ Flexible
 - ⇒ Capable of empathy
 - ⇒ Willing to work within the Group's guidelines
 - ⇒ Capable of maintaining confidentiality and boundaries

Desirable:

- Applicants should have:
 - ⇒ An awareness of the benefits of counselling
 - ⇒ Some knowledge of, and a constructive attitude towards, the lesbian and gay community
 - ⇒ Some personal experience of a gay/lesbian relationship

Note: Oxford Friend requires all members to adhere to a strict policy of there being no sexual or emotional involvement between volunteers and clients

Name:
Address:
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Telephone [daytime]: [evening]:
Email:

Reasons for wanting to join the group:

Experience which may be valuable to the group, such as work skills, life experience, interests *etc.*

Declaration:

I know of no reason why I am not suitable to become a member of Oxford Friend.

Signed: Date:

Unless asked to do otherwise, please return this form to the following address:

**OXFORD FRIEND
PO Box 137,
East Oxford DO
Oxford, OX4 2WL**

Thank you for your time in completing this form. We value your cooperation.