

Oxford Friend Volunteer Application Form

Oxford Friend Mission Statement:

'To provide the highest quality of response to all those seeking information, support and counselling on issues concerning sexuality and gender, amongst the lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, intersex and queer communities'

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, bisexual, trans, intersex or queer.

Applicants must have a constructive attitude towards their own identity.

Applicants must be:

Honest	Reliable
Self-aware	Flexible
Tolerant	Capable of empathy
Committed to training	Willing to work within the Group's guidelines
Committed to regular attendance at meetings	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, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, intersex and queer communities.

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

Your details:

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

Your reasons for wanting to join the group:

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

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New volunteers who successfully complete the training period are usually appointed to serve as trustees of our charity.

The Charity Commission website provides guidance about the role that trustees play, and who is eligible/not eligible to become a trustee of a charity. Please have a look through the guidelines on the following website:

"http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/Charity_requirements_guidance/Charity_essentials/The_essential_trustee.aspx"

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Would you be willing to serve as a trustee of our charity?		
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Declaration:

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

I know of no reason why I might not become a trustee of Oxford Friend on successful completion of the initial training period.

Signed:

Date:

Please return this form to the following email.

	admin@oxfordfriend.co.uk
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Thank you for your time in completing this form. We value your cooperation.