LGBTQA Resource Center Volunteer (RCV)

What do Resource Center Volunteers do?

★ Donate their time to learn information, attend meetings (1 per week), and assist in the planning, implementation and participation of other programming and events that the Resource Center puts on

Examples:
- Workshops on LGBTQA topics
- LGBTQA History Month dinner
- Lavender Graduation
- Booths for campus events

★ Serve as leaders on campus who perform a worthwhile service to the UNL campus and Lincoln community

★ Learn to provide accurate, comprehensive and current information (including the resources that the LGBTQA Resource Center has to offer the UNL community) in an inclusive and nonjudgmental manner

★ Maintain confidentiality – personal information or circumstances shared with you as an RCV are not to be shared without permission from the person providing the information

★ OutSpeaking – a collaborative effort with the Speakers Bureau to provide panels for classes, organizations and groups on campus and the community

★ Follow through with commitments made to the Resource Center

What is required to be a Volunteer at the Resource Center?

✓ Commitment to staffing the LGBTQA Resource Center or programming for one academic year

✓ Attendance at weekly meetings, as well as occasional trainings and other designated activities

✓ Active participation in making UNL a campus that is committed to diversity and inclusion for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and expression

✓ Being dedicated, honest, open-minded, dependable, and having an interest in social justice

✓ The ability to represent the Resource Center in a positive, professional manner

What can you get out of being a Resource Center Volunteer?

★ Work-related experience and leadership skills – we have need for contributions from all disciplines, so we’ll do our best to match your particular academic, personal, and career interests with relevant volunteer opportunities

★ An opportunity to be involved on campus and interact with others who share similar interests

★ An opportunity to contribute toward building and sustaining a socially just campus community

What happens after I turn in this Volunteer Form?

After you turn in the form, you will be added to the LGBTQA Resource Center Facebook group, Blackboard group, and Resource Center Volunteer Listserv (these will be our primary methods of communication). Feel free to begin coming to our volunteer meetings (held once a week; days and times change from semester to semester, check our Facebook page for updated information), and start looking for information about upcoming volunteer opportunities.

Above all else, Welcome!
Resource Center Volunteer Spectrum

Just like a rainbow is made up of many colors, we understand and appreciate that our Volunteers come from many different disciplines and backgrounds, and are able to offer different levels of commitment. In acknowledgement of this diversity, our Volunteers are recognized on a color spectrum that moves from Red (low commitment) to Purple (high commitment).

No matter what color you fall under, the Resource Center appreciates your time and efforts!

Take a look at the overview of our volunteer levels and see which feels most comfortable for you and your schedule. We’d love to work with you to figure out how you can apply your particular talents and interests towards the Resource Center, so feel free to contact us on Facebook (facebook.com/lgbtqaUNL), tumblr (lgbqarc-unl.tumblr.com), or visit us in person at the Resource Center, 346 Nebraska Union!

RED Red-level volunteers may be students who are interested in volunteering but are unable to make a regular time commitment for whatever reason. These volunteers may contribute minimally to programming and events, by staffing events or booths once a semester, posting flyers, acting as a contact between an RSO or other campus group to which they belong for collaborations, brainstorming monthly social events, or contributing time irregularly to Center office tasks. Red-level volunteers may also be students who are not interested in regular volunteering, but would be interested in contributing a special skill or service once or more per semester.

ORANGE Orange-level volunteers are students who may be interested in regularly volunteering, but are unable to make a regular time commitment for whatever reason. These volunteers should attempt to attend at least one Volunteer meeting a month, and staff at least one booth or event per semester. They will be expected to become oriented to the Center and basic information on Center resources and services. They may contribute to one or more steps in brainstorming, planning, or implementing Center programming, including fundraising events, for at least one event per semester. Orange-level volunteers may be able to commit to one or more small projects throughout the year, such as bulletin boards, publicity, brainstorming presentations, library tasks, or other Center office work.

YELLOW Yellow-level volunteers are those students who are interested in regularly volunteering and are able to make regular time commitments, but prefer to keep those commitments low for whatever reason. These volunteers will be oriented to the Center and able to provide information on Center services and resources. Yellow-level volunteers may contribute a higher level of engagement in planning Center events while still maintaining a low time commitment, perhaps by focusing on only one event per semester, or collaborating with another campus group for one particular event.

GREEN Green-level volunteers are those students who are interested and able to regularly volunteer with the Center. These volunteers attend at least 2 meetings per month and are actively contributing; they staff booths or events more than three times a semester, and/or are actively involved in the brainstorming and planning of events. They are completely oriented and able to contribute some hours to regularly staffing the Center each semester. They will also be expected to be oriented to giving presentations for the Center, and should attempt to participate in more than one presentation per semester.

BLUE Blue-level volunteers are those students who are interested and able to regularly commit their time to volunteering at the Resource Center. These volunteers attempt to attend most meetings and actively contribute; they staff booths and events several times per semester, and are able to orient newer volunteers to these tasks. Blue-level volunteers may be highly engaged in the planning and implementation of Center programming, and may be responsible for carrying out important steps in the programming process. They may contribute time to many areas of involvement with the Center (office work, events and programming, publicity, fundraising, creative projects, etc.), rather than one or a select few.

PURPLE Purple-level volunteers are those students who are able to contribute the highest level of commitment to volunteering at the Center. These volunteers attempt to attend all meetings and actively contribute; are completely oriented to the Center and its services, and may be able to contribute regular hours to staffing the Center; are able to help staff most booths or events that the Center puts on; are oriented to giving a variety of presentations for the Center; are highly involved in brainstorming and planning original event and presentation ideas, as well as updating current presentations and providing feedback on programming events.
LGBTQA Resource Center Volunteer Information Form

Name: _______________________________ Birthday: ___________ / ___________

(Optional) Preferred Name: ___________________ Pronouns: (he/his) (she/her) (they/their) other _________

Email: _______________________________ Phone #: __________________

Current Year: ___________ Major: ___________________ T-shirt size: S M L XL XXL

Food restrictions or preferences: ____________________________________________

What is a good way to contact you?
Select all that apply:

- Text Message
- Email
- Facebook
- Phone Call
- Other:

What other time commitments do you have this semester?
(RSOs, campus involvement, jobs, internships, etc.)

Please check each general area of interest and/or any specific tasks you would be interested in:

- Outreach
  - Presentations (classes, clubs, volunteer meetings, workshops)
  - RSO/campus collaboration
  - Community contact
  - Outspeaking (being on panels)

- Programming
  - Help create/plan/implement Center programming (including brainstorming new workshops/presentations/events)
  - Staff events
  - Publicize programs (posting flyers, making announcements)
  - Brainstorm monthly social events for Center volunteers

- Center Work
  - Staff Resource Center (answering phones, greeting visitors)
  - Office tasks (filing, mailing, updating forms)
  - Website (monitor, review content)
  - Library
  - Compiling information/Research on LGBTQA topics

- Creative Projects
  - Develop bulletin boards/displays
  - Contribute to InQueery newsletter (articles, reviews, original writing)
  - Create/design brochures or other informational packets

- Other ____________________________

Do you have any talents or areas of personal interest that you would like to contribute to your volunteer service?
(for example: photography, video production, digital media, journalism, music, culinary arts, etc.)

(Optional) I would like to be added to:

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