

Volunteer position title:	HIM Ambassador	Posting date:	March 28, 2019
Manager contact information:	volunteer@checkhimout.ca	Posting closing date:	This position has no closing date
Location:	Various locations	Position duration:	Ongoing
Position type:	Outreach	Service area:	Multiple service areas

Statement of volunteer value:

At Health Initiative for Men (HIM), volunteers play an essential role in bringing our mission and vision to life. We value volunteers for their roles as ambassadors, mentors, board directors, leaders, supporters, educators, advocates, and as members of the community of gay men and other men who have sex with men. At HIM, we value the unique gifts as well as the personal needs and diversity of our volunteers and embrace the benefits of volunteering for purposeful personal growth and social connection.

Purpose of the position:

The purpose of HIM Ambassador outreach volunteers is to represent HIM and engage local gay guys at events, helping create community and safe space. HIM Ambassador outreach volunteers are essential in helping to deliver HIM’s message of good health and wellness to the places where gay men meet. Events such as drag shows, parties, festivals and conventions represent opportunities to engage community members in rich conversation and provide them with a connection to the organization. HIM Ambassadors will also provide friendly safe space by their presence to people who may feel isolated or just want to chat with a friendly face. Volunteers in this position have the unique opportunity of taking on leadership roles and support roles, through choosing when and where they attend and how they are engaging with folks based on the environment.

Responsibilities and duties

- Answer basic questions about gay men’s health and refer to HIM
- Be welcoming and also invite people to join you at table or dancing ect.
- Represent HIM at parties and social events.
- Be engaging and able to talk to people from various cultural and ethnic backgrounds.
- Share knowledge about HIM resources, programs and health centers

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain and protect the safety and boundaries of your fellow volunteers, HIM staff and consumers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate appropriate behavior at all times in order to maintain the good image of the organization.
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Qualifications	
Required qualifications	Preferred qualifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sociable and willing to converse with community members. Ability to be flexible and adaptable to new situations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Able to communicate via cellphone, email and text message. Some knowledge of harm reduction and safer sex practice is beneficial.

Commitment expected
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers for these events will meet regularly to discuss upcoming opportunities for outreach. This position is highly flexible. We prefer a commitment of 6-12 months.

Training	
Training provided by HIM	Other training you might bring
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIM institute Direct training about HIM materials, resources and programs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training in social services or front line customer service is beneficial Training in events planning

Other details