

Name of referring person / organization

Contact details:

Phone

Email

Reason for Referral:

I confirm that this person identifies as a member of the LGBTI community and is 55 years or older (50 years or older if they are an Indigenous Australian or have a chronic illness or disability): yes / no

Name :

Pronouns:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Date of birth:

Gender:

(NB: The term that they use to describe their gender - not necessarily the sex assigned at birth).

Needs Interpreter: yes / no

If Yes, Spoken Language:

For more information or to discuss a referral, please call Kedy on 0484 639 886

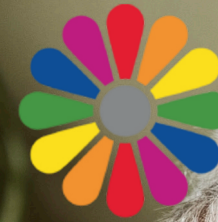
Send this form to Villagehub@grai.org.au or
PO Box 350 Mt Hawthorn WA 6915

What happens next?

Once we receive the referral form, the Befriender Coordinator will get in touch with the client and arrange to make an assessment visit. We will then match them with a volunteer befriender who lives nearby and, where possible, has similar preferences or interests.

Please Note:

All our volunteers have a recent Police Clearance. They also need to be up-to-date with their COVID-19 and Flu vaccinations. They receive training, and ongoing supervision/support.



Village Hub
Befriender program
Referral Form

Find out more:

Website - <https://grai.org.au/>

Facebook - [GRAI.org](https://www.facebook.com/GRAI.org)

Instagram - [@graiorg](https://www.instagram.com/@graiorg)





GLBTI Rights in Ageing (GRAI) was formed in Perth in 2005 to protect the rights and well-being of older GLBTI people.

GRAI's Village Hub will be led by and for older LGBTI people, offering multidimensional peer support and service development for the community.



What is the Befriender program?

The Befriender program is delivered by older GLBTI volunteers and guided by a GLBTI Elders' Advisory group.

Befriending is a structured relationship between an older GLBTI befriender and an older GLBTI befriendeed.

Befriending relationships aim to be supportive of the befriendeed. They are warm, non-judgemental, and confidential. The befriender supports the befriendeed to share their experiences, views, interests and challenges one-on-one.

Having fun and sharing mutually enjoyable activities is an important part of the relationship.

Referral Criteria

Does your client

- Identify as LGBTI and is aged 55+ (or 50+ if they are an Indigenous Australian or have a chronic health condition or disability)
- Feel lonely or isolated and need a home visit/regular telephone call or support to access community facilities/events?
- Do they have the capacity to engage in conversation to interact with a befriender?

If you wish to refer yourself, that's fine too... just use the same form on the next page.

Referrals must be appropriate for VOLUNTEERS who will be visiting alone in the person's home. NB: Volunteers do NOT assist with personal support activities such as washing, feeding, or dressing.

