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YOUR DETAILS

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I am interested in volunteering in the role of:

- ☐ Volunteer visitor
- ☐ Events volunteer
- ☐ Other

What is the best day/time and method to contact you?

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What happens next?

Our volunteer coordinator will contact you to provide more information about the volunteer roles and invite you to complete an Expression of Interest.

There may be a waiting period before you start volunteering due to availability/location of visiting referrals, schedule of events, etc.

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



Find out more

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Volunteering Information

www.grai.org.au

Events

GRAI holds information stalls at a range of events including LGBTI events, seniors expos and general community events. Stalls allow us to inform people about GRAI's services and reach older LGBTI people around Perth and WA.

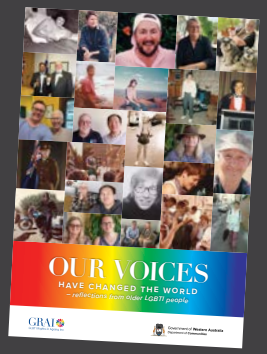
Our events program is particularly busy in November during Seniors Week and PrideFEST.



Projects and Skilled Volunteering

Short term and project-based volunteering is also available from time to time and have included:

- graphic design support
- facilitating art/craft sessions
- facilitating information sessions
- interviewing older LGBTI people to gather life stories for publication.



Rainbow Visiting

The Rainbow Visiting program matches volunteers to visit older LGBTI people. Visits take place weekly or fortnightly and can be in a recipient's home, in residential aged care or out in the community.

All our service recipients are LGBTI and aged 50+.

Volunteers are matched with a service recipient based on location, identity and shared interests. Every match is different and can include:

- conversation and shared life stories
- shared activities
- going out for a cuppa or to community events

If the match doesn't work for you, you can request to be matched with a different recipient (and the recipient can ask for a change too) – not everyone will get along and that is fine.

Depending on current referrals, it may take some time to find a suitable volunteer/recipient match. You can choose to volunteer in other roles in the meantime, or just stay on our waiting list.

The Rainbow Visiting Coordinator is available to support you and your service recipient.

Who can Volunteer?

Anyone who is LGBTI or an LGBTI ally can volunteer with GRAI.

Some roles require volunteers to be a peer of the recipient/client group so may only be available to people who identify as LGBTI and/or are aged 50+.

All volunteers are required to attend an information session (flexible times/formats available), complete a police check (GRAI can organise this), and sign a volunteer agreement.

Additional training and screening checks are required for some roles, like volunteer visiting.

The *Aged Care Act 2024* emphasises the importance of fair, inclusive and non-discriminatory treatment for older people, including LGBTI older people. However, after a lifetime of homophobic discrimination, many LGBTI people continue hiding their identity for fear of persecution or poor service.

A lack of affirming environment in the aged care sector and in the community can drive LGBTI people 'back into the closet'. This can have serious health effects, contributing to minority stress and reluctance to access essential services. LGBTI older people are also less likely to have family support, which further increases their risk of social isolation.