

Inclusive volunteer practices

- Has your organisation developed an Inclusive Volunteer Action Plan?
- Does your organisation promote roles to diverse organisations?
- Have you developed an Inclusive Volunteer Statement?
- Do you currently engage volunteers with diverse backgrounds and abilities?
- Does your organisation have a volunteer reference group comprising people of all backgrounds and abilities?
- Training provided to volunteers e.g., cultural understanding, disability awareness

Applying for roles:

- Application form available in various modes e.g., hard copy, online, word doc
- Font style is sans serif and minimum size 12 for hard copy form
- Easy read forms available
- Language is simple and clear
- Include symbols where relevant e.g. phone symbol
- Form available in other languages
- Support requirement question on application form

Interview and inductions:

- Confirm communication preference
- Flexibility in time and location
- Various formats e.g., online, recordings, phone and face to face
- Accessibility features e.g. wheelchair access, interpreters
- Option to have a support worker/friend come along
- Provide questions before the interview, to provide extra time to understand and process

Volunteer roles:

- Role descriptors in various languages and formats
- Reasonable adjustments e.g. role broken down into smaller tasks
- Flexible time availability, negotiated with volunteer
- Simple step by step task instructions (written, visual)
- A 'go to person' for volunteer role support, e.g. another volunteer as a mentor

Ongoing support:

- Regular check- ins to identify further support or training requirements
- Implement support and training identified as soon as possible
- Opportunity to develop new skills or skill share with others