



PRIDE PROM 2.0: THE YOUNG & PROUD FREEDOM DANCE

APPLICATION: GREETER GUARDIAN (CHAPERONE)

Supporting Our Youth (SOY) is an innovative community health and wellness program of Sherbourne Health Centre. SOY works from an Anti-Racist, Anti Oppression framework to support the health and wellbeing of all queer and trans spectrum youth by running groups, programs and events and by providing one-on-one support for queer, trans and questioning youth who are 29 years old and under.

At SOY, we use queer and trans spectrum as broadly and inclusively as possible. Sometime we also use LGBT2SQ because people are mostly pretty familiar with that acronym (and know that it includes more than just four letters!) Finding the right language to describe our identities, experiences and communities is a tough task. And that's okay. Words can't capture our beautiful and complicated identities. Often our sexuality and gender journeys are at once comfortingly universal and painfully unique. We also recognize challenges that many other oppressions bring, especially when they intersect with the spectrum.

At SOY, we strive to celebrate all folks who feel like they belong with the spectrum, including but definitely not limited too lesbian, gay, bisexual, fluid, omnisexual, pansexual, two-spirit, intersex, asexual, trans, genderqueer, gender non-conforming, queer and/or questioning.

PRIDE PROM 2.0: THE YOUNG & PROUD FREEDOM DANCE provides a safer, celebratory dance space for all queer and trans spectrum youth ages 12 to 19. It is held at the end of the school year on the Monday evening of Toronto's main Pride Week. The dance strives to support young people to be proud of all their identities, celebrate their individual beauty, and connect with community.

We are seeking up to **30 GREETER GUARDIANS (Chaperones)** (ages 24 and over) to support the dignity, fun and safety of the young people in this dance space.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Meet at Buddies and Bad Times Theatre Monday, June 18th at 6 pm to:
 - learn about how the space is set up and where key people will be located
 - locate the primary areas for your role
 - meet up with your station partner/s
 - assist with any last minute set-up
- Be in place at your station for the event to begin at 7 pm
- Monitor your assigned area to ensure people there can ask questions, have help de-escalating situations, preserve everyone's dignity
- Staff your station/s until the event ends at 11 pm
- Debrief with the event coordinator before leaving the space
- Assist with event tear down if interested and available

Greeter Guardians attend one 3-hour training session (6 pm to 9 pm, either Tuesday June 5th or Tuesday June 12th) to:

- Understand the changes in this event and how to speak about them with participants
- Meet the event team, understand roles, and team-build
- Understand, avoid and redress misgendering
- Recognize and intervene in behaviors that are Anti-Black Racist, Anti-Indigenous, Trans-misogynist, ablest...
- De-escalate conflicts
- Understand how Harm Reduction plays out at this event
- Understand how incident reporting may play out at this event

Please email completed application form by June 1st, 2018 to Chris Veldhoven, at cveldhoven@sherbourne.on.ca. If you have questions please call 647-730-3315.

Thank you for your interest in holding this space with and for our young community members.

Date: _____ **Date Received (for office use only):** _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Full Address: _____

Phone number: _____ **Email:** _____

Do you have a Vulnerable Sector Background Check? ___ Yes ___ No

One is required to work this event. We respect that we have complicated pasts. You won't necessarily be turned down if something comes up. The process for volunteer checks costs \$20 and takes ten days to process. Please let us know if you need financial help with this.

For more information on how to get one please go to:

<https://www.torontopolice.on.ca/background-checks/vulnerable-sector-screening-process.php>

Which training evening can you attend? (Please check one or both.)

___ Tuesday June 5th, 6 pm to 9 pm ___ Tuesday June 12th, 6 pm to 9 pm

1. Why do you want to be a Greeter Guardian at this event?

2. What qualities, interests, knowledge and work/volunteer experience do you have that would help you in your role as a Greeter Guardian?

3. At this event you will be engaging with youth from different backgrounds, beliefs and values. Shared lived experience is important to community building. How do you identify with respect to gender, race, sexuality, culture and/or ethnicity?

4. Keeping in mind our many experiences of oppression and privilege, how would you proactively support the youth, staff and volunteers at this event?

5. Is there anything else that you would like to share with us that you feel is relevant to this event and role?