



## FAMILY ACCESS NETWORK INC

*Family Access Network is committed to providing a child safe environment*

**POSITION:** Volunteer Eastern Diversity Group

**REPORTS TO:** The Co-ordinator, Volunteer Program

### **ORGANISATIONAL CONTEXT:**

Family Access Network (FAN) has been making a difference in young people lives since 1981 and is committed to responding to the diverse needs of homeless and at risk young people and young families.

FAN is underpinned by a strong client focused, rights-based approach that seeks to maximise positive outcomes for young people through timely intervention and strategic responses. FAN provides a range of services for young people, young families and accompanying children who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, family violence and social isolation including:

- Homeless Support Services, incorporating
  - Transitional Support Program case management
  - Private Rental Brokerage Program
  - Housing Establishment Fund
  - Homeless Youth Dual Diagnosis Initiative
- Pathways to Resilience – Family Violence Therapeutic Intervention for LGBTIQ Young People
- Life Skills – including Young Mums Group and Eastern Diversity Group (EDG)
- Engage – Whole Package LGBTIQ Program
- Peer Leadership Program
- Volunteer Program – Lead Tenants and Mentors
- LGBTIQ Capacity Building Project
- Children’s Program – Early Years
- Equity Support Program

### **ROLE:**

The aim of the role is to be assisting in the group facilitation in Family Access Network’s Eastern Diversity group. The EDG is a social group for young people aged 15 – 25 who are sexually or gender diverse. EDG meets . EDG is every Thursdays during school term from 3pm to 5pm and is facilitated by Family Access Network (FAN) and is funded by The City of Whitehorse. FAN has a team of professional workers who respond to the therapeutic needs of young people, Volunteer in groups provide a positive adult role model in the context of everyday social activities and interaction .

### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Assist in the facilitation of the group.
2. Pack and set up group activities.
3. Participate alongside young people in group activities both onsite and offsite.
4. Assist in food preparation.
5. To adhere to Family Access Network’s program boundaries and guidelines

6. To be accountable to the Co-Ordinator of Volunteer Program.

**FAVOURABLE ATTRIBUTES:**

1. Some experience and a commitment to young people and understanding of the LGBTIQ+ community.
2. Ideally to be over the age of 23.
3. Patience, understanding, acceptance, compassion, the ability to listen.
4. People from the LGTBIQ+ community and encouraged to apply.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POSITION:**

1. Minimum twelve-month commitment.
2. A minimum of two hours contact per week.
3. FAN is committed to providing and supporting a child safe environment and acceptance as a volunteer determined by successful completion of all components of the volunteer screening process.
4. All volunteers are required to undergo Volunteer Induction Training and to attend regular meetings.
5. A three-month probationary period is a condition of employment.

Please sign and date this form in acknowledgment that you have read and understood the above.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_