

Opportunities for Volunteering



Merri Community Health Services

Volunteering with Merri Community Health Services

We are a community health organization that serves a community of over 140,000 residents across the northern region of Melbourne. Located across many sites, and offering services for children, young people, adults, carers, people who are aged and people who have disabilities, we are a sustainable, well managed, efficient and multidisciplinary community health service.

What is Volunteering?

Volunteering is about people who willingly offer their help in the form of time, service and skills to a community organisation. Although volunteers are not paid for the work that they do, it can open the door to a very satisfying and rewarding experience.

Why Volunteer at Merri Community Health Services?

Our Vision

We aspire to make a positive difference in people's lives by being an innovative and integrated Health, Community and Advocacy service provider.

Our Values

Our values underpin and drive our efforts to provide high quality services and build the strength of our community. Our core values are Passion, Responsibility, Integrity, Diversity and Engagement.

PASSION: Enthusiasm, Commitment, Making a Difference

We will be leading voices on issues affecting the health of our community

We will maintain our vigour and vitality

We support our staff, enabling them to do their best work.

RESPONSIBILITY: Purposeful, Quality and Accountability

We strive for excellence in everything we do

We embrace good governance practice

We follow through on our commitments.

INTEGRITY: Honesty, Respect and Fairness

We treat all people with dignity and respect

We communicate openly and honestly

We act against discrimination.





DIVERSITY: Breadth of services, Innovation, Responsiveness

We are flexible and respond to the needs of our community

We embrace the diversity of our people and the community we serve

We promote creativity and innovation

We strive to be accessible to our community.

ENGAGEMENT: Co-operation, Partnerships, Sharing

We work in partnership with our community and stakeholders


We share our ideas and skills

We know that everyone has something to contribute and something to learn

If you share our vision and values and have the desire to help us continue to make a positive difference in the community, then Merri Community Health Services is the place for you! We have a number of different programs where your skills and interests can be utilised. We recognise that volunteers bring with them a range of skills and experiences. Together with the Coordinator of Volunteers, the needs of the volunteer will be matched to the specific needs of an individual program within Merri Community Health Services.

Benefits of volunteering

There are many reasons why people choose to become a volunteer. The benefits of volunteering are far reaching as the community, the organisation and the individual volunteer gain from such an exchange. Volunteers provide support directly to Merri Community Health Services staff and clients via their involvement in the delivery of services whilst volunteers are able to fulfil their various individual needs by undertaking such a role. Some of the reasons why people choose to volunteer may be to:

- 'give back' to the community
 - engage in an experience that is personally rewarding
 - share existing skills and knowledge
 - learn new skills
 - experience new challenges
 - meet new people
 - develop a pathway toward further study or access to employment
 - stay actively involved in the community
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Opportunities for Volunteering

Opportunities for volunteering with Merri Community Health Services exist in the following areas;

- Services for Older People
- Services for People with a Disability
- Services for Children
- Services for Young People
- Services for Families
- Services for Carers

The continuous and rapid growth of Merri Community Health Services is driven by our ongoing commitment to finding new and innovative ways to service our community. New opportunities for volunteering continue to emerge in line with the expansion of our service. The following provides a snapshot of some of the areas in which volunteers can be involved.

- Health Promotion Activities such as gardening and walking groups
- Activities for older adults and people with disabilities
- Culturally diverse social groups
- Camping programs and other recreational activities for children with disabilities
- Office based administrative support
- Special events support
- Transporting clients to activities
- Health and fitness programs.



For further information and appointments:

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