



50TH ANNIVERSARY DIGITAL STORYTELLER

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About the Role:

In 2025 LGBT Foundation is celebrating 50 years since the roots of the organisation were first established with a year-round celebration and campaign. Activity planned throughout next year will raise awareness of the history of the groundbreaking LGBTQ+ wellbeing services we have offered, showcase achievements of the past five decades and explore our community's hopes for the next steps of the organisation.

As part of the celebrations LGBT Foundation will be showcasing some of its archive material and the voices of those who have been involved in organisations associated with the history of LGBT Foundation over the past 50 years. As a 50th Anniversary Digital Storyteller you will perform a vital role in gathering stories as part of the 50th anniversary celebrations, assisting with oral history capture, sound editing and transcribing, digital campaigns and capturing new community stories as part of an exhibition about LGBT Foundation's history.

A role on the team would suit those who are looking for experience in digital storytelling and have a passion for LGBT histories/heritage, equalities, archives and community voice.

This role involves **approximately 2 hours per week of volunteering**, with sessions to take place **in person** at Manchester Central Library and LGBT Foundation's Community Hub in Manchester.

Typical duties

This role is flexible so if there are particular areas of the role you'd like to focus on, please let us know as part of your application.

- Searching our archive materials to fact-check stories and find related images/materials for the 50th anniversary
- Giving support to a range of promotional events and exhibitions across 2025
- Supporting the capture and cataloguing of oral histories and contemporary stories to expand our archive
- Sound editing and transcribing oral histories that have been collected
- Taking part in team meetings for the project with the volunteer team and staff from LGBT Foundation/Archives+
- Helping share content from our archives digitally including through our social media and website

Skills & knowledge we ask you to have

We think this role would suit someone who has the following skills. If you're not sure if you have these skills or



would like to chat to us about developing these skills, please still apply!

No previous knowledge is required although this role is suited to people with an interest in history or marketing, or those looking for an opportunity to develop skills and knowledge in this area.

- Good communication skills
- An understanding of ICT and the ability to assist others in the use of ICT
- A passion for history especially LGBTQ+ history
- A dedication to attention to detail
- Works well with others
- Able to carry archive materials for short durations and distances
- Willingness to adhere to security and preservation guidelines
- Ability to volunteer in-person in Manchester

Benefits of volunteering with us

Volunteering in this role could help you develop the following skills and gain experience of:

- Use of sound equipment and audio editing software
- How to use/search archives
- Promotional activity
- Team working skills
- Networking skills
- Presentations/delivery of activities with the public which build your confidence
- An understanding of the diversity of experiences of people from LGBTQ+ communities, their history and knowledge of the common issues they face
- All LGBT Foundation volunteers are also invited to monthly socials

Training we provide for this role

- Induction to the LGBT Foundation
- Induction to Archives+ at Central Library and to the LGBT Foundation archive project
- Monthly update on the project and chance for volunteers to feedback to a named supervisor at LGBT Foundation. Regular support and guidance will also be given by a named library contact.

How to apply

Complete our application form: <https://form.jotform.com/220763317176355>.

If you need support completing this form or have any questions, email volunteer@lgbt.foundation.

We particularly welcome applicants who identify as a person of colour, disabled, and/or as a person of faith as they are currently underrepresented in our volunteer team.