

## LGBTQI+ Public Health Project – Ripple Community Action Fund

### Project Overview

Both international and national research has shown that LGBTQI people are at higher risk of harmful substance use than their heterosexual counterparts due to health inequalities, especially around mental health, caused by growing up in homophobic, transphobic and hetero/cis sexist societies.



As part of the work of the new LGBTQI Substance Use Working Group, Glasgow Council on Alcohol (GCA) and Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs (SFAD) have been awarded funding to develop a harm reduction poster campaign and website aimed at the LGBTQI community around alcohol and drug use.

We are recruiting people to help us to develop the key messaging of the poster campaign, contribute to the development of the website and to be trained as volunteers to carry out alcohol and drugs harm prevention work within the LGBTQI community in Glasgow in the longer term.

### Eligibility Criteria:

1. You identify as LGBTQI+
2. You 18 years old or over
3. You have ever used alcohol or drugs AND/OR you are or have been concerned about someone else's alcohol or drug use
4. You can commit to attending all workshops and training as described below.
5. You are passionate about addressing health inequalities experienced by LGBTQI+ people.
6. You live, work or socialise in Glasgow or the Greater Glasgow area

### 'What's involved'

At a minimum, you will have to commit to the following:

1. Attending 3 facilitated campaign design workshops in February of 2020
2. Attending and completing Alcohol Brief Intervention Training with Glasgow Council on Alcohol before the end of March 2020
3. Attending and completing LGBTQI Substance Use training provided by GCA
4. Attending the campaign launch event at the end of March 2020

Expenses **will be provided** for attendance at these events

You may also wish to participate in the following:



1. Alcohol Awareness Training provided by GCA/Scottish Drugs Forum
2. Trauma Informed Practice Training provided by GCA
3. Drugs Awareness Training provided by the Scottish Drugs Forum

Please note expenses **will not be provided** for attendance at these events.

Participants will receive a £10 gift voucher for each of the workshop events they attend, but not for training sessions.

### To Express your interest please:

1. Provide your details including full name, date of birth, contact number, address and email address
2. Confirm that you meet the eligibility criteria described above.
3. Write a short statement (one to two paragraphs) telling us:
  - a. Why you want to be involved in the campaign
  - b. Why you are passionate about addressing the disproportionate drug and alcohol related harms experienced by LGBTIQ+ people, families and communities.
4. Tell us if there is anything that might affect your participation or capacity to commit to the project.
5. Let us know if you have any accessibility needs.

We encourage LGBTIQ+ people from all walks of life to apply! If you have any questions, we would be happy to hear from you and can be contacted by phone: 0141 353 1800 or email: [ripple@thegca.org.uk](mailto:ripple@thegca.org.uk)

Expressions of interest close on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> of January and should be emailed to:

[ripple@thegca.org.uk](mailto:ripple@thegca.org.uk)

Expressions of interest will be reviewed by members of the Glasgow LGBTIQ+ Substance Use Working Group.

You will be contacted on 27<sup>st</sup> of January and informed of the outcome of your application.