

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

**Position Title:** Volunteer Director, THRIVE Board of Directors

**Position Focus:** Strategic direction / Leadership / Governance / Financial oversight / Fundraising

### **DESCRIPTION:**

At Thrive HIV Prevention & Support, we work toward a future where new HIV, hepatitis C, and sexually-transmitted or blood-borne infections are rare in Waterloo Region and Guelph-Wellington County. People living with HIV, connected stigmas, and risk related to drug poisoning and unjust drug policy will feel that maintaining health, well-being and full community participation are achievable, realistic goals.

We are looking for champions to join our Board of Directors. Requirements include solid communication skills, computer skills, ability to commit to regular Board meetings and functions, and support of our strategic mission, vision and mandate. This position is ideal for individuals who have an interest in peer/PHA (people living with HIV) leadership and engagement, legal expertise, finance, community development, fundraising, leadership development, governance, and networking. Also ideal for individuals who are passionate about HIV/AIDS and STI prevention support and anti-stigma work, health promotion, and sexual health awareness and education.

We value diverse perspectives, with an understanding of the social inequalities and barriers to healthcare access that have contributed to the ongoing HIV epidemic, and drug poisoning epidemic.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- Interest in nonprofit governance, policy, and health equity advocacy.
- Internet access for virtual meetings.
- English proficiency, willingness to engage in volunteer training.
- Responsible for maintaining fiduciary oversight, strategic planning, and promotion and enhancement of organization's public image.
- Previous experience on a Board is an asset, but is not a requirement.

### **COMMITMENTS:**

- Commitment of at least 24 months is preferable.
- Approximately 3 to 4 hours per month which includes ad hoc activities, committee work, and preparing for monthly Board meetings. One Board of Directors meeting per month (meetings are approximately 1.5 hours long).
- Board of Directors meetings take place on the last Monday evening of each month.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- Training will be provided by the Board on agency by-laws, policies and procedures, meeting conduct, roles and responsibilities, and Board orientation. Our Manager of Volunteers and Peer Engagement provides agency orientation training, HIV 101, knowledge of hepatitis C, other blood borne illnesses and STIs, safe inclusive spaces, and harm reduction.
- There is an age minimum requirement of 18 years of age or older.
- While most meetings occur virtually, there might be the odd commitment in-person throughout our catchment area of Guelph-Wellington & Waterloo Region.

**For more information, please visit our website at [www.thrivehiv.ca](http://www.thrivehiv.ca).**

**To volunteer for this position contact our Manager of Volunteers & Peer Engagement, Alex Gallant, at [519-635-5929](tel:519-635-5929) or email [agallant@thrivehiv.ca](mailto:agallant@thrivehiv.ca).**

**Interested candidates will be provided with application and reference forms for completion prior to in-person interviews being arranged.  
Thank you for your interest!**

**THRIVE is committed to employment equity and meaningful diverse leadership representation. We encourage applications from all qualified candidates including Individuals who may identify as peers or people with lived expertise, people living with HIV and / or Hepatitis C, individuals in recovery from substance use, 2SLGBTQ-identified persons, persons with disabilities, Indigenous, First Nations, Inuit and Métis individuals, and members of Black and other non-white racialized communities.**