

# Commons Social Change Library

## Volunteer Position Description



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| <b>Position title:</b> | Outreach Volunteer  |
| <b>Reports to:</b>     | Director, Commons Social Change Library                     |
| <b>Work type:</b>      | Volunteer, six-month program, 2-5 hours per week negotiable |
| <b>Location:</b>       | Remote. Volunteers can work from anywhere in Australia.     |

## Background

The Commons Social Change Library is an online collection of educational resources on campaign strategy, community organising, digital campaigning, communications and media, working effectively in groups, fundraising, diversity and inclusion and much more.

We collect, curate and distribute the key lessons and resources of progressive movements around Australia and across the globe.

## About the role

Commons Social Change Library volunteers help make activism smarter and stronger. They add important capacity to the Commons Library and social movements.

Outreach volunteers increase awareness and use of the Commons Library through their networks and communities and refer people to appropriate Commons Library resources. They also support the development of the Commons Library identifying areas of need and developing new resources.

Outreach volunteers will become familiar with hundreds of educational resources, deepening their knowledge about many approaches to social change including campaigning, organising, digital tools, communications and media, creative actions, working in groups, wellbeing and much more.

## Key responsibilities

- Strengthen the Commons Social Change Library through networking and promotion
- Refer people to relevant Commons Library resources
- Identify new resource needs and advise the Commons Library staff
- Where possible source or develop relevant resources to add to the Commons Library
- Participate in online conversations about social change
- Participate in online and in-person events

## Selection criteria

- Demonstrated commitment to social change, and engagement and/or interest in social movements and activism
- Interest in learning about social change and information management
- Familiarity with and regular use of popular social media platforms
- Ability to communicate clearly with a diverse audiences
- Friendly and approachable attitude

- Availability to attend monthly training sessions
- Availability to contribute time to the Commons on a weekly basis (negotiable around other commitments)
- Desirable: Past involvement in training or other skills development of campaigners, organisers, activists and/or volunteers

## Conditions

Volunteers are encouraged to contribute 2-5 hours per week, to be completed on times and days that suit the volunteer's availability. The program runs for an initial six-months with the potential to extend on mutual agreement of the volunteer and the Commons Social Change Library.

Volunteers will receive mentoring, training and support from Commons Library staff and have the opportunity to attend events and networking sessions with other volunteers. Outreach Volunteers will be supervised by Holly Hammond, Commons Library Director.

Please note that if you are not available for the full program we will also consider volunteers for short defined projects. We can work with you to define the scope of your involvement.

## To apply

To apply for the Outreach Volunteer role please submit your application through our online form by midday on Monday, 22 February 2021: <https://airtable.com/shrgoWhOU686ai1Gd>

Applications should include:

- Responses to the application questions
- Your current CV/resume or LinkedIn profile
- The name and contact details of a referee

The Commons is an equal opportunity employer. We aim to overcome barriers to access including those related to ability, education levels, language, income, racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia and any other oppression or systemic disadvantage.

We encourage people from around Australia to volunteer; the Commons is a digital library and volunteering will take place remotely. Different ages, experience levels and working styles are welcome. We welcome your different talents and what you can contribute.

## Further information

For accessibility enquiries or any further information please contact Holly Hammond, Commons Library Director, on [holly@commonslibrary.org](mailto:holly@commonslibrary.org)