

Volunteering With Kashish

KASHISH- Mumbai International Queer Film Festival being held between April 22nd to April 25th, 2010 in Mumbai promises to be four days of non-stop queer celebration across many platforms of artistic expressions.

Apart from over 80 Indian and International films, the festival has a range of allied activities - exhibitions, book launches, Q&A with filmmakers, panel discussions and of course parties! The festival expects to draw a huge audience from queer as well as non-queer community during its events spread across multiple venues in Mumbai.

We are looking for volunteers to work both before and during the festival. Volunteering for KASHISH can be a great opportunity to meet & interact with people and get involved in something momentous!

Volunteers are very much the face of the festival. They meet and greet audiences and guests, they assist by - answering questions, helping to run venues, acting as interpreters, distributing publicity materials, working at the festival office, writing for festival newsletter, and being part of the festival documentation team.

1 . A T T R I B U T E S

Attributes we are looking in KASHISH Volunteers:

1. MUST be of 18 Years or above of age.
2. From Mumbai. If from outside, then having their own arrangement for stay.
3. Conversant in English. Knowledge of any other foreign language will be a bonus.
4. A friendly, pleasing and calm persona. Ready to help others.
5. Upbeat to be on the move and get things done at any required time.
6. Easily accessible on cell-phone for urgent communication or update.
7. Basic computer proficiency – word processing, emails, data management, etc.

2 . T I M E C O M M I T M E N T

Before the festival – Flexible evening timings, weekends or home-based volunteering

During the festival – All four days of the festival or a minimum of 4 ½ hour shift on any of the festival days (each day will have 3 shifts)

3 . O R I E N T A T I O N

All Festival volunteers MUST attend at least one orientation session.

The Orientation Sessions will be held at: Centre for Excellence & Research (CEFE), Ground floor, Riviera, 15th Road, Santacruz (W), Phone: +91. 22. 6576 0357.

Dates and timings will be announced soon.

4 . V O L U N T E E R I N G

There are many ways you can volunteer your time and your skills at Kashish:

Create A Buzz: If you are always on the move, mingle with people, have good skills to interact and influence people, you can be part of the 'Street Teams' that distribute / put up pamphlets and posters at colleges, theatres, multiplexes, art galleries, book shops, cafés, malls and other hangout places to let people know about the festival and create a buzz.

Also creating an online buzz through postings on social networking sites, lgbt groups.

Office Worker Bees: Provide admin support to our tiny hard-working office team. Tasks include data entry, mailing, filing, organizing, writing etc.

Theatres: Be in the action! Help out in managing the delegates at the theatres. Tasks include issuing delegates passes, handing out festival information, line management and ushering.

Special Events: Help out at special events ushering, setting-up and generally lending a hand.

Parties: Social butterfly? Help out at our Festival parties with guest list, party pass check and set-up.

Driving: Do you have a valid driving license and access to a car / bike? You can help pick-up and drop-off guests of the Festival or zoom across on several important errands.

Home-stay: If you have a spare room or can accommodate a visiting filmmaker / guest, be sure to let us know.

4 . T H E P A Y B A C K

All Kashish volunteers will receive:

An exclusive Kashish t-shirt
Access to Kashish Closing Night Gala Party
Certificate of Appreciation
and maybe more!

And yes, you will of course get to see films, interact with filmmakers and mingle with a whole host of people as per your prevailing shifts and duties.

Above all- The experience of working as part of a fabulous team putting together the first-ever-of-its-kind queer film festival in Mumbai!

Volunteers' meals and actual expenses during the festival will be covered.

5 . T H E S I G N - U P

Interested in volunteering for Kashish?

Click [here](#) to download the Volunteer Form. Fill it in and mail it to us at: info.kashish2010@gmail.com

We will contact you shortly based on your availability. Thanks!