Active Bystander Network - Volunteer Student Leadership Position

Program Overview

The Active Bystander Network (ABN) is a unique opportunity for students to influence positive change by engaging in sexual violence prevention and education at Simon Fraser University. Coordinated through the Sexual Violence Support & Prevention Office (SVSPO), this is an opportunity for students who are committed to sexual violence prevention, and ideally who have some previous experience in peer programs, outreach, facilitation skills or equivalent leadership/community involvement experience.

This group is open to all students, of all identities and experiences.

As an Active Bystander network member, You Will:

- Work with other ABN members, to plan, prepare, and facilitate workshops, presentations, events, awareness campaigns, and other outreach activities including blog writing and support with social media
- Contribute to raising student understanding of the issues surrounding sexual violence by creating awareness campaigns, and community-based solutions building of the SVSPO and sexual violence prevention initiatives at SFU
- Explore the possibility of working with other on-campus groups and departments and potential collaborations with on and off campus peer education groups
- Explore feminist and anti-oppression practices
- Develop skills to facilitate difficult conversations about comments or actions that may promote sexual violence.
- Participate in weekly team meeting.
- All ABN members must be current SFU students
Responsibilities

- Network members are required to commit to volunteering for two consecutive terms (Fall 2020 and Spring 2021).
- Four hours online training
  Two-day Essential Training at the end of the summer (- Saturday, August 22th from 9:00am to 4:30pm and Sunday, August 23th from 10am to 4pm)
- Mandatory one-hour weekly meetings on Wednesdays’ afternoon from 4:30pm to 5:30pm
- Commitment to 10-15 hours of volunteer hours per semester (in addition to meetings and trainings)

Time Commitment

Active Bystander Members commit to volunteering for two (2) terms. This role requires approximately 20 to 25 hours per term for the Fall & Spring terms.

Mandatory Training

- 4 hours of online preparation prior the Essential Training (must be completed before Essential Training)
- Two-day mandatory Essential Training at the end of the summer:
  - Saturday, August 22th from 9:00am to 4:30pm and Sunday, August 23th from 10am to 4pm
  - Peer Education Core Training – Thursday Sept. 10 from 5:30pm – 8pm

Required Meetings

- One-hour mandatory weekly meetings with the exception of holidays and reading week
  - Meeting time is (4:30pm to 5:30pm every Wednesday, starting September 3rd)

Benefits

- Contribute towards creating a culture of care, consent and respect at SFU
- Gain enhanced knowledge of sexual violence prevention, intervention and response
• Gain knowledge understanding systems of oppression and how they relate to sexual and gender-based violence
• Gain leadership skills such as facilitation training, program and event planning and team building
• Ongoing professional development opportunities
• Working collaboratively with a team of like-minded student peers
• Recognition on your co-curricular record
• References from the program supervisor

Apply
We encourage people of all identities and backgrounds to apply. There are many communities whose voices have been historically left out of these violence prevention spaces and conversations (for example, people with disabilities, people of color (POC), and people who identify as LGBTQIA+). We seek to lift up and center the voices of those most impacted.

The SVSPO is committed to fostering a safer and inclusive environment for its staff and volunteers. If you have any accessibility needs that impact your ability to send a paper or digital application and you want to use other methods to apply, please contact paola_quiros@sfu.ca or call 778.782.7311