



**Empower
Autism**

Enabling positive social change
for and with autistic people

Peer Support Group Coordinators – Young Adult Group

At Empower Autism our vision is for autistic people to live with confidence and self-belief. Our mission is to empower them to reach their potential through providing programs and services based on inclusiveness, self-development, and self-advocacy. We are proud to run a number of support groups throughout South-East Queensland to support and empower autistic people and their carers and loved ones.

We are currently expanding our *Young Adult Peer Support Group* and are seeking expressions of interest for the role of *Volunteer Peer Support Group Coordinator*. At Empower Autism we have a high regard for the benefits of peer support and, as such, our Peer Support Groups are focused on creating opportunities for participants to share interests and experiences, practice social skills and connect with peers in a safe place. Our Coordinators are integral to achieving this. This is a fun and engaging role that provides a variety of opportunities to share your strengths and empower others to share theirs.

The duties of this role include;

- Ensure venue is open and ready for the groups by 6pm.
- Attend fortnightly meetings. Currently these are held at our Virginia office.
- Welcome Participants
- Liaise with Empower Autism staff regarding attendance numbers and venue information.
- Orient new members and visitors; help them to feel welcome and integrated into the group
- Create a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment where new and existing support group members feel comfortable to engage and contribute
- Ensure meetings are compliant and are delivered according to Empower Autism's policies and procedures
- Facilitate discussions through introducing topics, assisting presenters and leading ice breaker activities.
- Provide feedback to Empower Autism staff regarding Young Adults Group
- Associated administrative tasks (including management of attendance records)
- Venue set up and pack down
- Ensure venue is left clean and tidy (as per arrival) and locked.

Ideally you will identify as autistic, have an understanding of group facilitation (or a desire to develop group facilitation skills), a strong desire to make a contribution to the autistic community and a desire to broaden your knowledge of autism. You must be available evenings between 5.30pm and 8pm fortnightly. Training and support will be provided. You'll need to have the appropriate clearances (Blue Card, NDIS Worker Screening and National Police Check) and we will assist you through this process.

Apply now by emailing the following details to diana@empowerautism.org.au :-

- Your name and contact details.
- Brief details on why the role interests you.

To discuss the role in more detail contact Diana McMurtry on 0413 425 705