



San Francisco Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Community Center *Volunteer Spotlight*

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Hannah Yanow



The Center was really excited and fortunate to have worked with Hannah! She was instrumental in pulling off the Center's San Francisco Pride activities, on top of coordinating the Arts and Culture Program the first half of the year.

What brought you to The Center? Where do you volunteer and why do you volunteer at this particular team?

I was interested in The Center because I wanted to become part of the LGBT community here in San Francisco, where I was born and raised. I went away for college and was never able to feel as if I belonged. I volunteer with the Art and Culture Program because I am interested in how LGBT artists communicate their experiences in a way that others may be able to relate to. And if they can't, then they can witness it.

What excites you about volunteering for The Center?

I am so excited to volunteer at The Center because I look at the results that come of my efforts, and see what a difference it makes in peoples' lives. To see how people are affected by the art they see at The Center, and to hear the response coming from the artists and their viewers is always moving. I am constantly in awe of the people that work here at The Center, and I am so proud to be part of the team. I am excited about making a difference.

Do you have any memorable and/or favorite experience volunteering with The Center?

My most memorable time was actually before I even started volunteering. I was waiting to meet with Roberto and I just sat and watched while person after person came up to the I&R desk asking for resources. The person working at the desk was cool, calm, and collected and knew the answer to every single question. That has really stayed with me in all the work I do at The Center and out of it; I try to be present and proud in order to help the people coming to me with for help.

Do you wish to share anything else about volunteering at the Center?

I feel very lucky that I have had the opportunity to volunteer at The Center. I have felt so much support here—people are happy to see me, available to assist and answer my questions, and thankful that I am here to help. Every time I arrive at The Center I feel the expanse of what The Center's team is working for, and I am constantly impressed and humbled. Thank you for this opportunity, and I look forward to staying with The Center for a long time.