

# FRIENDS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM EASTERN REGION



## Volunteer Friends Program 2024 Training Dates

You are invited to participate in training for Anglicare Victoria's volunteer Friends program. The training is designed to provide a solid introduction to the issues, challenges and rewards associated with providing a volunteer service to children and young people in home based care (foster or kinship care) and the individuals caring for them.

The training is divided into two parts with completion of online eLearning modules and worksheets required prior to attendance at the two reflective sessions. Please refer to page two for the stages and timeline for training. Reflection session one will provide a great opportunity for you to learn more about the different volunteering opportunities available with Anglicare in the Eastern region, as well as what happens when children are loved but not safe, how children respond when they don't feel safe and ways of helping children feel safe. Reflective session two will build upon the information covered in the first session and look at how to promote positive behaviour, identity and culture, and teamwork within a community service setting.

Please note, attendance at both sessions is required to successfully complete the training and induction process. To book please email [fostercare.eastern@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:fostercare.eastern@anglicarevic.org.au).

	Training Location	Date	Time
<b>Term 1</b>	<b>In Person Training</b> Anglicare Victoria Level 2, 37-41 Prospect Street Box Hill	Reflective Session 1 Tuesday 5 March 2024	6.30pm – 9:00pm Modules 1 – 4
	<b>e-Learning Training</b> Online via Microsoft Teams	Reflective Session 2 Tuesday 19 March 2024	6:30pm – 9:00pm Modules 5 – 8
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>In Person Training</b> Japara House 54-58 Durham Road, Kilsyth	Reflective Session 1 Thursday 30 May 2024	6:30pm – 9:00pm Modules 1 – 4
	<b>e-Learning Training</b> Online via Microsoft Teams	Reflective Session 2 Thursday 13 June 2024	6:30pm – 9:00pm Modules 5 – 8
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>In Person Training</b> Anglicare Victoria Level 2, 37-41 Prospect Street Box Hill	Reflective Session 1 Tuesday 6 August 2024	6.30pm – 9:00pm Modules 1 – 4
	<b>e-Learning Training</b> Online via Microsoft Teams	Reflective Session 2 Tuesday 20 August 2024	6:30pm – 9:00pm Modules 5 – 8
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>In Person Training</b> Japara House 54-58 Durham Road, Kilsyth	Reflective Session 1 Thursday 31 October 2024	6.30 – 9:00pm Modules 1 – 4
	<b>e-Learning Training</b> Online via Microsoft Teams	Reflective Session 2 Thursday 14 November 2024	6.30 – 9.00pm Modules 5 – 8

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### 2024 Friends Training Timeline

#### Term 1, 2024

- Step 1 – Links & Worksheets for e-Learning Modules 1 – 4 will be emailed on **Thursday 15 February 2024**
- Step 2 – Completed worksheets for Modules 1 – 4 MUST be returned by **Thursday 29 February 2024**
- Step 3 – Links & Worksheets for e-Learning Modules 5 – 8 will be emailed to all on **Thursday 29 February 2024**
- Step 4 – Attend Reflective Session 1 (Modules 1 – 4) In Person at Box Hill on **Tuesday 5 March 2024**
- Step 5 – Completed worksheets for Modules 5 – 8 MUST be returned by **Thursday 14 March 2024**
- Step 6 – Attend Reflective Session 2 (Modules 5 – 8; combined with foster care applicants) online via Teams on **Tuesday 19 March 2024**

#### Term 2, 2024

- Step 1 – Links & Worksheets for e-Learning Modules 1 – 4 will be emailed on **Monday 13 May 2024**
- Step 2 – Completed worksheets for Modules 1 – 4 MUST be returned by **Monday 27 May 2024**
- Step 3 – Links & Worksheets for e-Learning Modules 5 – 8 will be emailed to all on **Monday 27 May 2024**
- Step 4 – Attend Reflective Session 1 (Modules 1 – 4) In Person on **Thursday 30 May 2024**
- Step 5 – Complete worksheets for Modules 5 – 8 MUST be returned by **Monday 10 June 2024** (public holiday)
- Step 6 – Attend Reflective Session 2 (Modules 5 – 8; combined with foster care applicants) online via Teams on **Thursday 13 June 2024**

#### Term 3, 2024

- Step 1 – Links & Worksheets for e-Learning Modules 1 – 4 will be emailed on **Thursday 18 July 2024**
- Step 2 – Completed worksheets for Modules 1 – 4 MUST be returned by **Thursday 1 August 2024**
- Step 3 – Links & Worksheets for e-Learning Modules 5 – 8 will be emailed to all on **Thursday 1 August 2024**
- Step 4 – Attend Reflective Session 1 (Modules 1 – 4) In Person at Box Hill on **Tuesday 6 August 2024**
- Step 5 – Completed worksheets for Modules 5 – 8 MUST be returned by **Thursday 15 August 2024**
- Step 6 – Attend Reflective Session 2 (Modules 5 – 8; combined with foster care applicants) online via Teams on **Tuesday 20 August 2024**

#### Term 4, 2024

- Step 1 – Links & Worksheets for e-Learning Modules 1 – 4 will be emailed on **Monday 14 October 2024**
- Step 2 – Completed worksheets for Modules 1 – 4 MUST be returned by **Monday 28 October 2024**
- Step 3 – Links & Worksheets for e-Learning Modules 5 – 8 will be emailed to all on **Friday 25 October 2024**
- Step 4 – Attend Reflective Session 1 (Modules 1 – 4) In Person on **Thursday 31 October 2024**
- Step 5 – Completed worksheets for Modules 5 – 8 MUST be returned by **Sunday 10 November 2024**
- Step 6 – Attend Reflective Session 2 (Modules 5 – 8; combined with foster care applicants) online via Teams on **Thursday 14 November 2024**

If you have any questions about the program or attendance at training, please contact a member of the Eastern region volunteer Placement & Support Services team on 1300 889 335 or email [fostercare.eastern@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:fostercare.eastern@anglicarevic.org.au)