

Role Title: Sitter
Team: Sanctuary

The Sanctuary Concept

Transformational festivals such as Burning Seed often involve radically new experiences, the dissolution of common boundaries, and other challenging stimuli.

Sanctuary exists to provide participants a chill out space for when they are having difficulty adjusting to the stimuli at Seed. Some participants may need to take time out from their immediate environment in order to be reintegrated back into the event safely. The Sanctuary has underpinnings in harm reduction and is a non-judgemental space.

We are looking for your help!

The Sanctuary team works in conjunction with Red Earth and P.E.E.R. Rangers, medics, security, and event coordinators to provide assistance to participants that need a calm, safe place.

We are seeking volunteers who are empathetic, compassionate listeners, and who can remain calm under pressure, to help run Sanctuary as Sitters.

Position Description

Sitters 'hold space' for our guests, accompanying them on their figurative journeys, and helping them to turn a difficult situation resulting from a moment of confusion into manageable experience. Sitters provide guests with accurate, credible harm minimisation information through face-to-face presence and provision of resources in our chill out space.

The key qualities we look for in a Sitter are empathy, compassionate listening, calmness under pressure, and an ability to let their own personality take a back seat when engaging others.

Crewing with Sanctuary does not require any pre-existing vocational skills - simply an ability to satisfactorily complete training and an ongoing desire to learn. If oversubscribed, preference will be given to those with experience in harm reduction practices and altered states. This includes but is not limited to drug harm reduction work at festivals or professionally (including with organisations like DanceWize), ranger duty at Burning Man events, and many types of health or care work.

Sitters are likely to work closely with allied Burning Seed teams such as Red Earth Rangers, P.E.E.R Rangers, and our Medical team.

Sanctuary welcomes applications from all participants willing to gift their time in this way.

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