



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY DETAILS

Name of Organisation

Alzheimer's Society

Main Contact Details

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What are the main aims/activities of your organisation

Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia that affects over 850,000 people in the UK. In Leicestershire and Rutland there are over 11,000 people with dementia. We exist to support people with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, their families and carers by providing emotional and social support, providing information and advice and raising awareness of the need for services.

Volunteer Opportunity Title

Community Link Volunteer

Volunteer Opportunity Address

In their own local community

Contact person for potential volunteers

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Volunteer Opportunity Role Description

Alzheimer's Society is looking for volunteers to help to increase the understanding of dementia within their particular community. We are asking for volunteers who can bring information about dementia in a meaningful and culturally sensitive way to their own community.

This would involve the volunteer in completing a day's training with our Dementia Friends Team to become a Dementia Friends Champion. They would then be able to give Dementia Friends sessions to their own community increasing dementia awareness in the process.

The community link volunteer could also be involved in advising our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Working Group and in liaising with specified staff to help Alzheimer's Society reach to all communities in Leicester.

Commitment

What is the usual minimum level of commitment you would ask of a volunteer

A few hours per month depending on number of hours the volunteer wishes to do.

Is this negotiable if a volunteer has other commitments? Yes

What is the minimum length of commitment you usually ask of a volunteer?

1 year

Is this negotiable? Yes

Can you take volunteers looking for short-term holiday/work experience placements? No

When can someone volunteer for this role?

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Morning	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Afternoon	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Evening	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

More details: Can volunteer at any time, according to the availability of the volunteer

Skills required

Ability to present Dementia Friends Sessions to people in their own community Good communication skills Good social skills
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Recruitment Method

What is the process for becoming a volunteer?

Application form	Yes	
Informal discussions/visit	Yes	Usually by telephone
Interview/ formal selection process	Yes	
Disclosure & Barring Form (DBS)	No	
Do you undertake your own DBS checks		
References	Yes	

Age limits

Minimum age	16	Reason:
Maximum age	None	Reason:
Would you accept younger volunteers for work placements or award schemes? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

Access for volunteers with disabilities

Is this opportunity accessible to	Yes	No	Details
Wheelchair users	Yes		
Volunteers with limited mobility	Yes		
Volunteers with hearing impairments	Yes		
Volunteers with sensory impairments	Yes		
Volunteers with learning difficulties	Yes		

Does your organisation have an Equal Opportunities Policy? Yes

Expenses

Which of the following out-of-pocket expenses do you reimburse to volunteers?

Travel costs/mileage	Yes	
Lunch/refreshments	No	
Childcare/adult dependants' care	No	
Other (give details)		
Expenses Not Paid		Why?

Insurance

Are volunteers covered by your insurance while volunteering?
Yes – public liability

Training and Induction

What is the induction process for new volunteers?

Attendance at induction course, completion of e-learning

Do volunteers need to complete a training course before starting?

Yes 1 day Dementia Friends Champion course

Is any additional training offered to volunteers?

Other e-learning and appropriate courses to volunteer

Support and Supervision

What kind of support and supervision do you provide to volunteers?

Regular 1:1 supervision and social events for volunteers

Who is responsible for providing it? Volunteer Role Manager