Volunteering with Alzheimer’s Research UK

Community Speaker

Thank you!

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Community Speaker with Alzheimer’s Research UK.

Help us achieve our ambition of creating a network of Community Speakers to play a huge part in increasing public understanding and breaking down the stigma of dementia. You’ll research and find groups to approach, giving talks to all sorts of organisations across your region as you share information about our vital work to make breakthroughs possible in dementia research.

We’re seeking self-starting, proactive individuals, to act as ambassadors for the charity in this vital awareness-raising role.

What does a Community Speaker do?

Your main tasks in this role will be:

- Identifying opportunities for talks and making direct offers to deliver a talk to organisations and community groups.
- Giving talks to organisations and community groups in your region, either face-to-face or online.
- Identifying and developing potential fundraising opportunities within local groups.
- Engaging with community organisations who have supported or are considering supporting Alzheimer’s Research UK.
- Attending cheque presentations or local events on behalf of the charity and officially thanking donors for their support.
- Acting as an ambassador for Alzheimer’s Research UK through building community networks.
- Regularly updating your local Regional Fundraising Officer with your planned and completed volunteering hours.

How much time will I have to commit?

This role is really flexible and can fit around other commitments. You’ll need to put some time aside to research your talks, venues and organisations you would like to approach. We envisage Community Speakers will give approximately five talks in a year - but it’s up to you how involved you want to be.

What are the personal benefits?

In return, as a fantastic Community Speaker you’ll benefit from:

- Becoming part of a movement that believes we can make breakthroughs possible.
- The opportunity to develop your leadership, communications, fundraising, PR and organisational skills.
- Slides, information and updates on dementia and the work of Alzheimer’s Research UK.
- Full training and guidance prior to your first public speaking event.
- Having your expenses paid within agreed guidelines.
What and who are we looking for?

Although you don't need to have previous experience of a similar volunteering role within a charity ideally, you'll have the following:

- An interest in Alzheimer's Research UK and the work that we do.
- A proactive attitude and confidence to approach community groups and organisations.
- Good communication skills.
- Strong organisational skills.
- Honesty and reliability.
- Passion and enthusiasm.

Why volunteer with us?

Our volunteers tell us that volunteering is fun and rewarding, and it helps them meet new people and have new experiences. But most importantly, it's their way to help challenge the way people think about dementia.

Many of our volunteers have been affected in one way or another by dementia. Often, they've cared for a friend or family member with dementia. Volunteering for Alzheimer's Research UK is their way of being part of the community whose mission is to bring about the first life-changing dementia treatment by 2025.

When you volunteer with Alzheimer's Research UK, you're helping us make breakthroughs possible.

Our promise to you

When you become an Alzheimer's Research UK volunteer, we'll always treat you with respect, consideration and appreciation. We'll listen to what you have to say and ask you what you think. We'll make sure you're always working in a friendly and encouraging atmosphere. And of course, your health, safety and welfare are our top priority.

We'll be there to support you and make sure you know exactly what you're doing. To keep you up to date with what's happening in our volunteering community, we'll send you our regular newsletter and e-newsletters.

What's the next step?

To apply, please fill in our online application form: [www.alzheimersresearchuk.org/volunteering/community-speakers/](http://www.alzheimersresearchuk.org/volunteering/community-speakers/)

If you have any general enquiries about this role please contact the Volunteering team by email volunteer@alzheimersresearchuk.org or telephone 0300 111 5 555. For further details visit our website: [www.alzheimersresearchuk.org/volunteer](http://www.alzheimersresearchuk.org/volunteer)