

## Volunteering with Alzheimer's Research UK

# Office Volunteer

## (Policy– access to treatments)

### Thank you!

Thank you for your interest in becoming an office volunteer in our Policy Department.

A key area of Alzheimer's Research UK's policy work is focused on making that patients get access to future dementia treatments. With no treatments yet able to affect the course of the underlying diseases, global efforts to develop disease-modifying treatments have begun to accelerate in recent years, spurred on by the G7's aim of developing such treatments by 2025.

We want to make sure scientific advances benefit the people who need them most, and rethink the way new treatments and technologies are taken up by our health system. We know there will be huge demand for any new treatments for dementia, and while progress is being made in research, it's important to ready ourselves for developments that may be coming through the pipeline.

Our report, *Treatments of Tomorrow* outlines some of the complex challenges that will need to be considered, and Alzheimer's Research UK is now working with health services and other organisations to understand how to overcome them.

### What will an Office Volunteer (Policy– access to treatments) do?

- Support the policy team's work on access to future treatments.
- Support the policy team's work on use of patient data for research.
- Gather necessary data and understanding, working with other ARUK colleagues. to produce accurate, timely and insightful policy materials and briefings.
- Scope and develop areas of work that help to create the case for dementia.

### How much time will I have to commit?

Ideally, we are looking for someone to commit 6 hours a week. We are grateful for your time and understand the need to be flexible therefore we will work with you to find times that suit both of us.

### What 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:

- Educated to degree level or equivalent.
- An analytical and evidence-based approach.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Experience of using Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

- Ability to represent the charity in a confident way.
- Understanding of the medical research environment (desirable).

## What are the personal benefits?

In return, as one of ARUK's fantastic volunteers you'll:

- Be guided through our induction process and undertake essential training relevant to the role.
- Be part of a dynamic, forward thinking and professional team.
- Develop knowledge in policy and public affairs to add to your CV.
- Receive reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.
- Be part of a worldwide movement to defeat dementia.
- Improve your wellbeing.
- Meet new people and make new friends.

## Why volunteer with us?

Our volunteers tell us that volunteering is fun and rewarding, and it gives them the opportunity to meet new people and have new experiences. But most importantly, it's their way of helping us defeat 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 Alzheimer's or another form of dementia. Volunteering for Alzheimer's Research UK is their way of being part of the community that is fighting back.

When you volunteer with Alzheimer's Research UK, you're helping us defeat dementia.

## 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 every step of the way, and we'll 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 be considered for the role, please send your CV and a short letter explaining why you'd like to volunteer to [volunteer@alzheimersresearchuk.org](mailto:volunteer@alzheimersresearchuk.org). If your application is progressed, we will invite you to the office for an informal interview and a chance to meet the team you'd be supporting.

## Further Information

Thank you again for your interest in becoming an Office Volunteer. If you have any further questions or would like to discuss the role further, please don't hesitate to get in touch by calling the Volunteering team on 0300 111 5333 or emailing [volunteer@alzheimersresearchuk.org](mailto:volunteer@alzheimersresearchuk.org)