

Event Volunteer

Alzheimer's Research UK is the UK's leading dementia research charity. We believe that medical research can and will deliver life-changing preventions, treatments and one day, a cure for dementia.

Why we want you

We are looking for passionate volunteers to help make our events a success. This rewarding, flexible volunteering opportunity is a great way to help Alzheimer's Research UK raise funds, awareness and its profile. We attend a range of events throughout the year including: sporting events, fundraising collections, local community events, campaigning activity, public and other high-profile events throughout the UK. If you're looking for a role that's hands-on and helps to ensure the smooth running of events while promoting the value of dementia research, then this is the role for you.

What you will be doing

This role is really flexible, and depending upon the events you choose, it could include the following:

- Stalls and Stands – helping with on-the-day promotion. This could include giving away resources, selling merchandise, providing information and dealing with event enquiries.
- Engagement – speaking to supporters and/or the public. You'll be a friendly face encouraging people to complete an action, sign up, take a leaflet and engage with the charity's goals.
- Collections - many of our events include raising funds on the day by holding bucket collections, or the event itself may indeed be a collection. This a great chance to engage with supporters and turn pennies into pounds!
- Setup/Logistics – helping with practical on-the-day arrangements that could include setting up marquees, putting up banners, arranging merchandise and/or other stalls.
- Parking – directing vehicles onto relevant sites and into designated parking areas.
- Registration – helping people sign-in/up and/or collect materials; checking tickets and/or provide further instructions on how to be involved on the day of the event.
- Start/Finish Line – energising people on the start line and congratulating participants as they finish. Might also involve handing out water, medals or goody bags etc on completion of an event.
- Marshal – stationed at an event to ensure the visibility and safety of the event and provide encouragement to participants. Guiding, clapping, cheering and motivating!
- Event Hub – supporting activities onsite to keep the event running smoothly; preparing for the return of participants; problem-solving or logistical issues that might occur on event day.
- Refreshments – this could be at an event hub or any other point across an event to maintain a supply of available refreshments for participants.
- Photography – capturing action shots from the day. You may be required in one or in multiple locations to showcase the feel of the event.

These roles will look slightly different depending upon the type of the event e.g. music festival, sporting event, petition drive etc. Make sure you check the relevant details for the event you're interested in to see the specific roles available.

Where and when

We will contact you as and when new events are scheduled. The amount of time we'll need you for depends on the event you choose to be part of. This could be just a couple of hours or all day. Generally, event volunteer roles are around 3-6 hours.

The skills you need

Our Event Volunteers don't usually require specific prior experience, but ideally you'll have some of the following:

- An interest in Alzheimer's Research UK and the work that we do.
- An enjoyment of working with people and in teams.
- Good communication skills.
- Good organisational skills.
- Honesty and reliability.
- Passion and enthusiasm.

The benefits for you

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

- Being part of a movement that believes we can make breakthroughs possible in dementia research.
- A warm welcome from us and some fantastic events experience.
- All the resources you might need to volunteer with us on event day.
- A full briefing in advance and on the day (where required).
- A key contact for all your queries before and during the event.

You will also be reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

The next step

To apply, please fill in our online application form:

<http://www.alzheimersresearchuk.org/volunteering/event-volunteer>

If you have any questions about this role please contact the volunteering team by email:

volunteer@alzheimersresearchuk.org or telephone 0300 111 5555.

For further details visit our website: www.alzheimersresearchuk.org/volunteer