

Volunteering with Alzheimer's Research UK

Event Volunteer

Thank you!

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Alzheimer's Research UK.

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 through local community, sporting, campaigning, 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 our work, then read on for more information!

What does an Event Volunteer do?

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.
- **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.
- **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
- **Setup/Logistics** – helping with practical on-the-day arrangements that could include setting up marquees, putting up banners, arranging merchandise and/or other stalls.
- **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; 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!
- **Parking** – volunteering alongside other parking marshals to direct participant, supplier or other vehicles onto relevant sites and into designated parking areas.
- **Refreshments** – this could be at an event hub or any other point across an event to maintain a supply of available refreshments to for participants and/or supporters.
- **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.

How much time will I have to commit?

This role can fit around any other commitments. The amount of time we'll need you for depends on the event you choose; this could be just a couple of hours or all day. Generally, event volunteer roles are around 3-6 hours.

What are the personal benefits?

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

- Becoming part of a movement that believes we can make breakthroughs possible.
- 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 applicable).
- A key contact for all your queries before and during the event.
- Reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

What are we looking for?

Our Event Volunteers don't often 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.

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/event-volunteer

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