



## Volunteer role description

### Volunteer position

#### Location

Our Ambassadors are a highly dedicated group of individuals from all walks of life; with varying skills, attributes and blood cancer experiences across the UK. What links this group is their firm commitment to working with Blood Cancer UK to improve the lives of people affected by blood cancer and to beating blood cancer.

The Blood Cancer UK Ambassador Programme is fundamental for us to ensure that people affected by blood cancer are at the heart of our organisation. As an Ambassador, you will be dedicated to using your experience with blood cancer to be our champion and representative at high profile events, a peer: peer support provider for others affected and strategic guide for the charity.

### About Blood Cancer UK

We are Blood Cancer UK, the largest UK blood cancer charity and the biggest dedicated funder of research into all types of blood cancer. We've been working to beat blood cancer for over 50 years and we won't stop until we do. Our investment in research has been fundamental to the UK developing a strong research base in blood cancers that is recognised for its quality around the world.

### What's involved?

- Public engagement and influencing
  - Engagement and relationship building within your community, raising awareness of blood cancer and Blood Cancer UK among healthcare professionals and important public stakeholders e.g. MPs
  - Public speaking at high profile events
  - High impact campaigning and media work
- Peer to peer support
  - Digital/online support via our online community, Facebook and blogging
  - Face to face support at events and in the community
- Strategic guidance for the charity
  - Support the organisation to understand more about a blood cancer experience
  - Input into the organisations strategies and services



## What will I get out of it?

- Blood Cancer UK core training and induction
- Bespoke training and support in networking, public speaking, safeguarding and supporting others
- An opportunity to use your skills sets, while developing and learning new ones
- Joining a dedicated and passionate community of individuals with a shared experience in blood cancer
- Supporting others affected by blood cancer
- Reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses

## Skills and assets

- A direct connection to blood cancer
- Willingness to learn
- Friendly, a team player and a good communicator
- Strong relationship building and networking skills
- Previous experience in supporting others

## How much time do I need to give?

Our Ambassadors are a highly engaged group of individuals and we ask that their involvement is regular. Though opportunities will continue to be on an ad hoc basis (which makes it hard to estimate an amount of time you would need to give) most activities will take between 30mins and 3hrs.

We will be conducting bespoke training sessions throughout the year for Ambassadors, and we would require each individual to attend at least one of these.

Regular evaluation of the Ambassador Programme is vital to its ongoing development. We will therefore be asking all Ambassadors to complete evaluation forms as a matter of course as part of their role after each activity and on a quarterly basis. We will be particularly focussing on your views on the impact of your role within the blood cancer community, and the value of the programme to you as an individual.

## How do I apply?

To apply, please get in touch at [hr@bloodcancer.org.uk](mailto:hr@bloodcancer.org.uk)

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