## Community Group Member

Blood cancer UK

#### Why volunteer at Blood Cancer UK

We started because of Susan; we'll get there because of you.

Blood Cancer UK was started by one family who lost their daughter, Susan, to blood cancer, and that history and sense of family continues to shape who we are today. When you join Blood Cancer UK, you don't just become a volunteer – you become part of a collaborative community dedicated to funding research into beating blood cancer that includes some of the most inspiring people you'll ever meet.

And we're not that far away from beating blood cancer. We're confident we can do it within the next generation, and this makes us hugely ambitious and gives us a sense of real urgency. It also means we're changing quickly as an organisation as we constantly challenge ourselves and strive to become more and more effective.

Blood Cancer UK offers the chance to volunteer alongside, and support people affected by blood cancer, while providing opportunities to develop new skills, take on exciting challenges, and make a meaningful impact.

#### What we do

We fund world-class research; provide information and support to patients and their loved ones; and raise awareness of blood cancer. Since 1960 we have invested more than £500 million in blood cancer research in the UK. Where we've invested, survival rates and quality of life have improved.

You can read more about what we do on our website here: <u>About Blood Cancer UK</u>





#### About the role

Every year, over 40,000 people in the UK are diagnosed with blood cancer. Research is the key to better treatments, improved care, and, ultimately, a cure—and our Community Groups play a vital role in making this happen.

We're growing our Community Groups across the UK, reaching more people and strengthening our support for those affected by blood cancer. As a Community Group Member, you'll be part of a passionate team helping to raise funds, increase awareness, and bring people together in your local community.

#### **Key Activities**

As a Community Group Member, you'll be involved in:

- Attending and actively participating in group meetings and events.
- Representing Blood Cancer UK in your local community and raising awareness of our work.
- Supporting the Group Lead to ensure the group's goals are met.
- Helping to organise and run fundraising events alongside other group members.
- Bringing fresh ideas to develop engaging fundraising activities in your area.

You don't need any previous experience—just a willingness to get involved and support a great cause!

#### How much time will you need to give?

This role is completely flexible—you can give as much or as little time as you're able to. Typically, it might involve a few hours a month.

#### Location of the role

This role will support your local blood cancer community group, wherever you feel you can make the most impact.

"To anyone who is interested in volunteering for Blood Cancer UK, I would say it will be THE best thing you will ever do. Not only will you feel pride and achieve amazing things in helping such a worthwhile cause raising funds and awareness, but you will become part of the most amazing, supportive family ever".

Gayle, Group Lead, Manchester Community
Group

### About you - what skills, experience and qualities will you need for the role?

We're looking for people who are:

- Friendly and enthusiastic You enjoy being part of a team and working towards a shared goal.
- Reliable and committed You can be counted on to support group activities.
- Supportive and flexible You're happy to help in different ways as needed.
- Passionate about making a difference You want to help improve the lives of people affected by blood cancer.

#### How you will make a difference

The funds you raise will help us invest in research to:

- Develop cures for those with blood cancer, now and in the future.
- Improve treatment and care for those living with blood cancer today.
- Prevent blood cancer from developing in the first place.

Fundraising in your community is a great way to reach people and raise important funds. Every penny you collect has a significant impact:

- £150 could fund a researcher to analyse 120 blood cell samples, potentially leading to a breakthrough.
- £210 could help send expert patient information to all those diagnosed with blood cancer today.
- £500 could fund a research nurse for three days, supporting patients during their treatment.

#### Benefits of Volunteering with Blood Cancer UK

Make a Difference

Help improve the lives of people affected by blood cancer.

Represent Blood
Cancer UK

Be an ambassador in your community.

**Develop New Skills** 

Gain valuable experience and learn new skills.

#### See Your Impact

Receive regular updates showing the difference your support makes.

Join a Supportive Team

Be part of a friendly, passionate, and dedicated community. Inclusive & Respectful Environment

Join a diverse organisation where you are valued.

#### **Boost Your Wellbeing**

Enjoy improved confidence and personal growth.

#### **Connect with Others**

Network with other volunteers who share your commitment.

#### **Ongoing Support**

Receive continuous support from your Volunteer Point of Contact.

#### **Access to Training**

Benefit from an online Volunteer Information Centre for induction and ongoing training.

#### Expense Reimbursement

Get reimbursed for prearranged volunteer activity expenses.

#### How to register your interest

If you find a role that interests you, please complete our volunteer enquiry form on the Volunteer page of our website: Register your interest to volunteer, or contact the Volunteer Team, by phone at 0207 504 2275 or by email at volunteering@bloodcancer.org.uk. We are available between 9am – 5pm, Monday – Friday.

Our volunteers come from all walks of life, bringing a wide range of skills, experiences, and personal connections to blood cancer from across the UK.

We want everyone involved with us to feel respected, supported, safe, and able to give their best, no matter their background or identity.

We understand that the way we work impacts who can join us and how they experience being part of Blood Cancer UK. That's why we're committed to being equitable and inclusive, ensuring everyone feels welcome and supported throughout their journey with us.

To achieve this, we know we must keep reflecting on and improving how we work. We're always open to feedback on how we can better live out our values.

# Join us and together we can beat blood cancer

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