# Community Group Lead

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 do we do?

Fund world-class research

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>

Provide information and support to patients and their loved ones

## "This is such a good place to volunteer. I'm learning every day and feel like I'm adding value."

Jude, Ambassador

#### **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.

- By leading a Community Group, you'll bring people together to:
- Raise life-saving funds through collections, fundraising activities, and events.
- Increase awareness of blood cancer in your local community.
- Create a supportive network that makes a real impact.

We're expanding our Community Groups across the UK to reach more people and strengthen support for those affected by blood cancer.

As a Group Lead, you'll inspire others and drive your group's success, with full training, resources, and support to help you make a real difference. Join us and help change lives.

#### **Key activities:**

- Bring people together Lead group meetings in a welcoming and inclusive way.
- Plan local events Organise fundraising and awareness activities that unite your community.
- Inspire and motivate Encourage teamwork and share tasks to drive your group's success.
- Raise awareness Learn about Blood Cancer UK's work and help spread the word.
- Use your people skills Engage your community and inspire others to get involved.
- **Represent Blood Cancer UK** Act as a friendly, approachable local contact for our charity.

We'll provide full guidance, training, and ongoing support to help you make a real difference in your community!

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

You don't need previous experience — just a passion for making a difference! This role is ideal for someone who is:

- Enthusiastic and motivated You enjoy bringing people together for a cause.
- Organised and proactive You're confident planning activities and events.
- A great communicator You love engaging with people and inspiring action, and are happy to stay connected with your Regional Relationship Manager to support Blood Cancer UK's vision and values.
- Reliable and committed You're keen to help grow and sustain our community work.

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#### How you will make a difference:

The funds you raise will help us:

- Develop cures for 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 helps!

- £150 could fund a researcher to analyse 120 blood cell samples, potentially leading to a breakthrough.
- £500 could fund a clinical trials nurse for three days, providing support when it's needed most.
- £1500 could fund a month's worth of experiments

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

This role is completely flexible—give as much or as little time as you can. Typically, it may involve a few hours a month.

#### Location of the role:

In your local community, wherever you feel you can make the most impact.

## Benefits of volunteering with Blood Cancer UK

## Connect with others

Network with other volunteers who share your commitment

## Develop new skills

Gain valuable experience and learn new skills

## Make a difference

Help improve the lives of people affected by blood cancer

### Expense reimbursement

Get reimbursed for pre-arranged volunteer activity expenses Ongoing support

Receive continuous support from your Volunteer Point of Contact

#### Be part of a friendly, passionate, and dedicated community

Join a

supportive

team

## Boost your wellbeing

Enjoy improved confidence and personal growth

Inclusive, respectful environment

> Join a diverse organisation where you are valued

### Represent Blood Cancer UK

Be an ambassador in your community

> Receive regular updates showing the difference your Support makes

See your

impact

### Access to training

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



## **Register your interest**

If you find a role that interests you, please complete our volunteer enquiry form on the Volunteer page of our website: <u>Register your interest to volunteer</u> or contact the Volunteer Team, by phone at 0207 504 2275 or by email at <u>volunteering@bloodcancer.org.uk</u>. 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.