

# Volunteer Role Description

## Community Ambassador

### *Why do we need your help?*

Our Community Ambassadors play a vital role in representing The Brain Tumour Charity at local events, speaking about our work and the importance of the funds our supporters raise. You will be happy to share why you are passionate about supporting the charity, and proactively seek opportunities for further support in your community.

This role gives volunteers the opportunity to play an important part in helping us to thank and appreciate our supporters and raise awareness in the local community, helping us to unite the community in our battle to defeat brain tumours.

### **What will I be doing?**

This is a varied role and you could do one, or all, of the following activities:

- Attending cheque presentations on behalf of the Charity to thank and say a few words about how the money raised will help to make a difference
- Delivering talks to local community groups, schools, faith groups, Rotary Clubs, Round Tables, Women's Institute groups etc. about the work of the Charity and the ways in which they could help us achieve our goals
- Seek opportunities for information and fundraising stands at local events
- Raise awareness of the Charity and our work through talking to friends and family and on social media
- Promote upcoming opportunities your community can get involved in – e.g. Big Bandana Bake and Twilight Walks.
- Spreading the word about HeadSmart in your local community – e.g. Doctors surgeries and schools.
- Getting in touch with your local MPs to encourage them to support our work.

### **What skills/experience do I need?**

- Confident public speaker with excellent communication skills
- Excellent organisational skills
- Reliable and professional demeanour
- A personal and friendly manner
- Flexibility to be called upon when needed
- An honest and trustworthy nature
- An ability to use your own initiative and to work unsupervised

### **How much of my time would you like?**

This is a flexible role and the number of events you do per month may vary.

### **How will I be trained and supported?**

- You will receive a full induction to The Brain Tumour Charity and your role
- You will receive regular support from your local Community Fundraiser
- You will be given any equipment and information necessary to carry out your role
- You will have access to a volunteers Facebook page where you can connect with others taking on similar roles in their local area.

### *Brain tumours in the UK: the facts*

- Brain tumours are the biggest cancer killer of children and adults under 40
- Over 9,365 people are diagnosed with a primary brain tumour each year
- 500 children and teenagers are diagnosed with a brain tumour each year

The Brain Tumour Charity is at the forefront of the fight to defeat brain tumours and is the only national charity making a difference every day to the lives of people with a brain tumour and their families. We fund pioneering research to increase survival, raise awareness of the symptoms and effects of brain tumours and provide support for everyone affected to improve quality of life.

### What can I gain from volunteering with you?

- The satisfaction of knowing that you are making a valuable contribution to the lives of those affected by brain tumours
- Utilising your existing skills as well as developing and learning new ones
- To take part in fun and inspiring events
- Develop your communication and public speaking skills
- The opportunity to network and play a key role in the brain tumour community

### Where will I be based?

This role will be based within your local area, with the option to attend events further afield should you wish to.

### Why Teresa got involved as a Community Ambassador:



Teresa was inspired to help others after losing her husband Rob to an inoperable Astrocytoma. Rob was diagnosed in 2009 & was given just 18 months to live. Rob defied the odds and went on to marry Teresa & become daddy to their gorgeous daughter Lily May who was born in 2013. Rob lost his brave battle with Teresa & family by his side in August 2016.

*Teresa said, "Losing Rob is the hardest thing I ever had to deal with. Being widowed at 29 and Lily May losing her daddy aged just 3 is so wrong. I want to do all that I can to stop this from happening to other families. Being a single mum is hard, but being able to fit this role around looking after Lily May is perfect & I am so proud to be part of this amazing charity".*

### How do I apply?

Contact the Volunteer Programme Coordinator on 01252 237818

Or email [volunteering@thebraintumourcharity.org](mailto:volunteering@thebraintumourcharity.org)

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