

Volunteer Role Description— Young Ambassador

Why do we need your help?

Our Young Ambassadors play a vital role in representing the Charity at local & national events and functions, and advocating on behalf of young people affected by brain tumours. They act as a voice for the charity by sharing their story and lobbying for change. They also speak passionately about the work of the Charity and the importance of the funds our supporters raise. This role gives young volunteers the opportunity to play an important part in helping us to deliver our strategic goals, to raise awareness and to help us to achieve our goal of defeating brain tumours.

What will I be doing?

As a Young Ambassador you will be part of a team who are the voice of young people affected by brain tumours. This will include;

- Representing and promoting the Charity
- Public speaking and sharing your story
- Giving your input and ideas into our services and resources
- Using your experiences to support others at events such as Meet Ups and Family Days and online via our Young Adults Facebook Group
- Using social media to raise awareness of the Charity and HeadSmart our Early Diagnosis Campaign.
- Championing BRIAN, our databank and web app accelerating research to find a cure.

What skills and experience do I need?

- Aged between 18-25 years old
- Passionate about the work of The Brain Tumour Charity and contributing to its growth
- To have had a personal experience of being affected by a brain tumour (whether you have had a brain tumour diagnosis yourself or a close family member)
- Interest in public speaking and sharing your experiences
- An interest in supporting others affected by brain tumours
- A personal and friendly manner

How much of my time would you like?

- The role of Young Ambassador is a 2 year post after which there is also the opportunity to become a Young Ambassador Mentor for a further year should you wish to do so

Brain tumours in the UK: the facts

- Brain tumours are the biggest cancer killer of children and adults under 40
- Almost 11,000 people are diagnosed with a primary brain tumour each year
- 62% of children who survive a brain tumour are left with a life-altering disability

The Brain Tumour Charity is at the forefront of the fight to defeat brain tumours, 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.



- Young Ambassadors are asked to commit to attending 2 training weekends per year as well as other Charity events (around 5 per year including our annual Twilight Walks/Own walks)
- Young Ambassadors may also be asked to share their views, review resources and have input into our Young Adults Facebook Page – around 20 minutes per week.

How will I be trained and supported?

- Throughout your first year as a Young Ambassador you will receive mentoring support from our Young Ambassador Mentors
- You will attend a Young Ambassador Induction as well as role specific training weekends
- You will receive ongoing support and supervision from the staff team at The Charity
- You will receive a briefing and a debriefing for each event that you attend
- You will have a member of staff as a named contact who will support you at events

What can I gain from volunteering with you?

- Utilising your existing skills as well as developing and learning new ones supporting your personal development
- The satisfaction of knowing that you are making a valuable contribution to the lives of those affected by brain tumours
- The opportunity to connect with other young adults affected by brain tumours, socialise and 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, influencing services and resources
- The Brain Tumour Charity will act as a referee for you after successful completion of your role

Where will I be based?

You will be based in your home region but may be asked to attend events across the UK. Training may be based in London, Birmingham or our head office in Farnborough and travel and accommodation expenses will be paid by the Charity.

How do I apply?

Contact the Volunteer Coordinator on 01252 413162
 Or email volunteering@thebraintumourcharity.org
 Or write to: The Brain Tumour Charity, Hartshead House, 61-65 Victoria Road, Farnborough, GU14 7PA

Key Dates for Training Weekends in 2019

Friday 5th April–Sunday 7th April 2019

Friday 22nd–Sunday 24th November 2019

"I have loved every minute of being a Young Ambassador and being so closely involved with the Charity. I enjoy working with families during family days, supporting others during big events and joining other Young Ambassadors to discuss the work of The Charity. To top it off everyone I have met through this role has been lovely!"

Beth, Current Young Ambassador

