

## Role Description: Community Collection Volunteer

### Role Requirements

Acting as a representative of Blood Cancer UK in the local community you will be hosting bucket collections at venues such as supermarkets, sports clubs, stations, high streets, or similar public venues. You will be speaking with members of the public about Blood Cancer UK and encouraging them to donate in a friendly and engaging manner. Please note the minimum age for this role is 18 years old.

### 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 60 years, and we won't stop until we do. Our investment in research has been fundamental to the UK's development of a strong research base in blood cancers that's recognised for its quality around the world.

### Background

Every year over 40,000 people are diagnosed with blood cancer in the UK. The single best way to beat blood cancer is through research to improve treatment. And the more of it we fund, the more breakthroughs we will see, and the more lives we will save.

Blood Cancer UK Community Collection Volunteers play a vital role in strengthening our reach and engagement in local communities - raising awareness of our research, health information, and support.

You will develop new skills, expand your knowledge, and make a significant contribution to improving the lives of people with blood cancer by helping raise vital funds through fundraising activities. The more collections we host, the more people affected by blood cancer we can reach and the more funds we can raise. You'll be part of a large team of dedicated and passionate Community Collection Volunteers to help us achieve this goal.

### How will I be making a difference?

The funds you raise as a Community Collection Volunteer will help to beat blood cancer by investing in research that:

- develops cures for those who have blood cancer, now or in the future,
- continually improves the treatment and care for those living with blood cancer today and,
- aims to stop blood cancer before it starts.



Hosting a collection at your local supermarket or sports club enables us to reach lots of people and collect lots of donations. Every penny raised will make a BIG impact.

- **£100** could fund a researcher to analyse 120 blood cell samples – any one of them could hold the key to a new discovery.
- **£210** is enough for us to send expert patient information to everyone diagnosed with blood cancer today.
- **£500** could fund a research nurse for three days – ensuring patients have a hand to hold while they are testing new treatments.

## Key activities

- Submitting applications to host and deliver bucket collections at local venues.
- Attending and supporting bucket collections in your local area.
- Encouraging others in your network to volunteer their time to support your collection.
- Greeting the public and speaking about the work of Blood Cancer UK.
- Encouraging people to donate and signposting them to our services.
- Paying in all donations received either online, at Barclays Bank or at your local post office.

## What skills, experience and qualities do I need?

- Interested in fundraising and raising awareness of blood cancer.
- Good communicator who enjoys engaging with people in the local community
- Committed, reliable and flexible.
- Enthusiastic, organised, and motivated.
- Confident handling cash.
- Comfortable using a computer and undertaking administrative tasks.

## How much time do I need to give?

This is an all-year round role, with flexible opportunities to fundraise and raise awareness to suit your availability.

You can expect to spend a few hours, at a time convenient to you, applying to venues and encouraging others to join you.

We ask that you host 3 – 4 collections per year. Each collection will take approximately round 2 – 4 hours.

## Locations

- Throughout the UK in venues local to you.

## What will I get out of it?

- You will make a difference to the lives of people affected by blood cancer.
- The chance to represent Blood Cancer UK in your community.
- Opportunity to learn and develop new skills.



- Regular updates from us demonstrating the impact of your support.
- You will be part of a friendly, supportive, and passionate team.
- Join an inclusive and diverse organisation, where you will be valued and respected.
- Improved wellbeing and confidence.
- Opportunity to connect with other volunteers.

### What training and support will I receive?

- Ongoing support and encouragement from your local Regional Relationship Manager.
- Access to an online Volunteer Information Centre for induction and ongoing training.
- All the materials you need to host a successful collection including a volunteer t-shirt, ID badge, collection buckets and contactless payment facility.
- Reimbursement of your pre-arranged volunteer activity expenses.
- If you have accessibility requirements, please get in touch to chat about how we can best support you.

### Our commitment to equality and diversity

We want anyone who is part of our work as a volunteer or an employee to be respected, supported, protected, and able to give their best, whatever their background or identity.

We know that how we work makes a big difference to who is able to be part of what we do. We are committed to working in ways that are equitable and inclusive so that everyone is welcomed and supported at all stages in their journey with Blood Cancer UK. In order to do that we know we need to continuously reflect on and improve our ways of working. We always welcome feedback about improving how we put our values into action.

Please read more about [our commitment to equality and diversity on our website](#). All Blood Cancer UK volunteers and staff must understand and follow our Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy. We provide training and support about how to put our Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion commitment into action through your volunteering role.

### How do I register my interest?

Please contact Jo Buckton, Senior Volunteer Programme and Relationships Co-ordinator, at email: [volunteering@bloodcancer.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@bloodcancer.org.uk) Tel: 0207 5042275.

For more information about volunteering at Blood Cancer UK, please visit: [Volunteer with us | Blood Cancer UK](#).