

Community Connector

Are you keen to engage with people in your community to raise awareness of stroke, the risks, the lifelong effects and the life changing support available to stroke survivors? Are you confident talking to the public, to communities and to health care professionals about stroke and how the Stroke Association can help support communities? Can you promote the Stroke Association's work and share our resources at key places such as health fairs, health and social care settings and other community spaces?

What will you be doing?

- Building relationships with the general public, community leaders, key businesses and organisations in your local area and/or across London to raise awareness of Stroke and the Stroke Association, through informal and formal talks, calls and visits.
- Sharing our resources, like 'FAST' cards and leaflets and promoting the work we do, such as our Helpline, our campaigns and our support groups at events and in key places in your local area.
- Delivering short presentations or talks (either face to face or digitally) about what a Stroke is, its effects, how to lower your risk of a Stroke and what support is available.
- Providing valuable support to the London team to help us reach as many stroke survivors and carers, community leaders and health care professionals as possible.

What will you bring to the role?

You have...

- A passion and enthusiasm for raising awareness of stroke and its effects
- The ability and willingness to share how people affected by stroke can access support from the Stroke Association.
- An enjoyment of talking to people, either one to one or to groups.
- An ability to demonstrate our values and to help improve care and support for stroke survivors.
- The willingness to travel to venues and events and present our presentation and resources e.g. some leaflets. (We will provide training and support for this.)
- A willingness to attend training and use technology e.g. Zoom, our Learn Platform and Teams to engage with people. We use an online platform

called Learn to deliver this as well as delivering training in person, so you'd need to be willing to take part in both.

- Ability to work with us and keep us informed of your activities and contacts, be able to collect simple evaluations from venues and participants. (Training and support will be provided with this.)

What the role can offer you personally:

- A chance to develop your skills.
- Opportunity to collaborate with others and be part of a thriving team.
- Meeting new people, building connections and engaging with your local community in a meaningful way
- Ongoing support and training, to increase your understanding of stroke and other areas such as health and safety (if relevant to the work you are doing) from the London engagement team and online
- Chances to come together- with other Community Connectors and celebrate the work you are doing.
- Making a real difference for a great cause; supporting stroke survivors and their families in London and raising the profile of Stroke
- Bi-monthly digital forums with Community Connectors across the UK to network and share experiences

Who will be your network within Stroke Association?

- Community groups and organisations
- Our Regional Fundraising team
- Our Locality Impact team
- Our Communities team
- Other volunteers in this role, both nationally and locally

Training for this role:

You will have access to **Learn**, our learning management system where you can take part in both e-learning and instructor led courses to support your role.

- Being a **Community Connector** means increasing your knowledge and awareness of stroke, its effects and the challenges that people face after stroke.
- Mandatory training: GDPR, basic health & safety, lone working, safeguarding.
- Plus, other stroke related topics that you may be interested in, or that feel relevant to the activities you are supporting.

Where and when you might volunteer:

- You may be asked to volunteer by yourself or in a group of volunteers and staff members, in your local area or at places accessible to you in London.
- You may be at public events, charity organisation, businesses or health and community settings, such as hospital and community centres.
- This could be done digitally through teams, Zoom and phone calls.
- This would be done at times and places convenient and accessible to you, which might include evenings, weekends and weekdays.

[The person to contact about this role is: Rose Abrehart, Engagement Officer on email Engagementteamlondon@stroke.org.uk or call 07703 320982.](#)

**Volunteer and
make a difference.**

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stroke.org.uk or call our
Stroke Helpline: **0303 3033 100.**