Volunteer Application Form

Volunteers support everything we do at Rainbows. From gardening and care support, to retail and administration. Volunteers at Rainbows help to bring love, smiles and laughter to the babies, children, young people and families that we support.

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Rainbows Hospice for Children & Young People.

A little bit about Rainbows

Rainbows is the only Hospice in the East Midlands dedicated to providing specialist health care and Family Support Services for babies, children, young people with serious or terminal illnesses and their families.

Our team and our volunteers are there for families when they need us the most, but we couldn't do our work without the help of people like you. Your support means we can provide end of life care, symptom management, short breaks and respite care. We can also be there to support parents and siblings through their bereavements.

Our Values

At Rainbows, our values are evident in everything we say and do; they are what makes Rainbows so special. All volunteers should be aware of our values and strive to always uphold these values and behaviours.

One Team   **People Centred**   **Aim High**   **Own It**

Bereavement and Wellbeing

Rainbows has a strong commitment to supporting the wellbeing of our volunteers. For this reason, we ask that volunteers leave at least two years after the bereavement of a baby, child or young person before applying to become a volunteer.

If you are a relative of a baby, child or young person who is currently accessing our services or has accessed our services within the last two years, there may be restrictions on what volunteer opportunities you can apply for. If you want to discuss this further, please contact the Volunteering Team.

Requirements

To be able to volunteer at the Hospice, you must be over the age of 18 years old. To volunteer at our retail shops or in event and fundraising you must be over the age of 16 years old.

Contact Us

If you have any difficulty in completing this form or have any questions, please contact the **Rainbows Volunteering Team on 01509 283 956.**

Completed application forms can be returned in person at the Hospice or a retail shop or email: **volunteer@rainbows.co.uk**.

Alternatively, it can be printed and returned via Freepost. Simply write **"FREEPOST Rainbows Hospice"** on the envelope and place in a Royal Mail post box, and it will make its way to us. No stamp is required if using our Freepost address.

Personal Details

Title:	
Name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Phone:	**Mobile:**
Email Address:	
Date of Birth:	

Emergency Contact Details

Contact Name:	
Phone:	

A Bit About You

Do you have any interesting hobbies or skills? What do you enjoy doing?	
Why do you want to volunteer with Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People?	

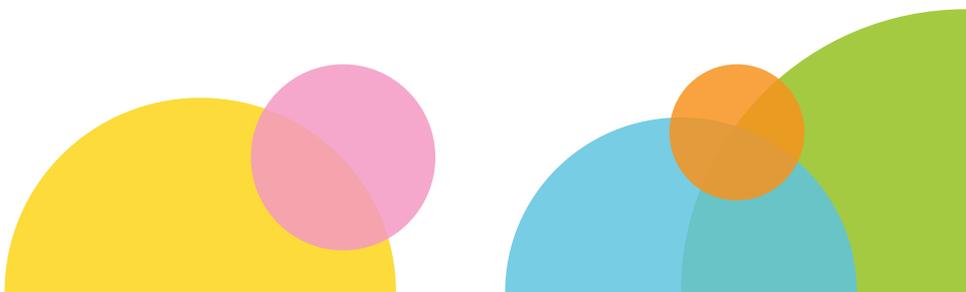|	
Which role are you interested in volunteering for?	
Is there anything we can do to support you in carrying out this role? For example, a reasonable adjustment, accessible information in a particular format, interview adjustment etc.	
How/Where did you hear about us?	

References

Please supply the name and contact details of two referees, preferably someone who knows you in a professional or personal capacity. (Not a partner or family member).

Referee 1

Title:	
Name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Phone:	**Mobile:**
Email Address:	
How does this person know you?	

Referee 2

Title:	
Name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Phone:	**Mobile:**
Email Address:	
How does this person know you?	

Please inform your referees to expect contact from us. Please note, references may be contacted prior to an informal interview/trial shift.

An enhanced DBS disclosure will also be required for any volunteer who will be volunteering on site at the Hospice.

Please read carefully before signing:

- I consent to Rainbows contacting the above named referees in accordance with Safer Volunteer Recruitment best practice and the relevant legislation.

- I agree that to the best of my knowledge the information given in this application is true and correct.

- I consent to Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People processing my personal data, as well as my sensitive personal data, for the purpose of processing my application; for equal opportunities monitoring; for purposes of my volunteering; for contacting me regarding my volunteering; for administrative purposes and for the purpose of complying with applicable laws, regulations and procedures. This will include holding this data electronically on Rainbows systems.

- I understand that no contract exists between myself and Rainbows.

Signed:		Date:	

Keep In Touch & Other Ways to Support

Rainbows Hospice Newsletter & Updates:

In addition to our bi-monthly volunteer newsletters, which you will receive as a volunteer, there is also a Rainbows newsletter for supporters which you can choose to subscribe to in order to read about the fantastic things our babies, children and young people have been doing at the Hospice as well as learning more about our supporters and the wonderful ways they raise money for us.

Yes I would like to hear the latest news and updates about Rainbows: ☐

Rainbows Hospice Lottery:

Every day our lottery members are playing an important part in caring for children with life-limiting conditions. Join our lottery today for the chance to win great prizes each week, and to make a real difference to local children and families who need our help the most...

It costs just £1 per week and is drawn every Friday - you can join for 13, 26 or 52 weeks. When you join you'll be given a five digit number that you keep for as long as you're in the lottery. If you win, we'll pop a cheque in the post. It's that simple.

Yes I would like more information around the Rainbows Lottery: ☐

Rainbows Events:

Every year hundreds of supporters organise and participate in fundraising events for Rainbows. These charity events provide essential funding and help Rainbows to offer the very best care and support to children and families from across the East Midlands.
Whether you would like to run or volunteer at a fundraising event we can support you.

Yes I would like more information around the Events: ☐