

The Fundraising Team - Fundraising Support

What is The Fundraising Team

We believe everyone has the right to enjoy good mental health and have access to the best possible care and services. With demand for our services continuing to grow, amidst rising costs, fundraising is increasingly important for our organisation so that we can continue to there on the end of the telephone, at our community projects and working with partners to bring better support and services to our local community. As a fundraising volunteer, you'll not only be raising awareness of mental health, you'll also be helping us raise vital funds so we can continue to deliver our services, free of charge, to those who need support; children, young people, and adults, from across Teesside. Our Fundraising Team organise lots of events and activities across the year for you to enjoy and get involved in.

What will I be doing?

The Fundraising Volunteer role can be varied, depending on the event or activity, but typical duties can include the following;

- Supporting the Fundraising Team to deliver events – your role may vary for each event. You could be greeting and registering participants, cheering on participants at challenge events, stewarding at organised events, selling raffle tickets, running a tombola or serving refreshments.
- Helping to promote fundraising events and activities within the local community.
- Attending the Friends of Teesside Mind fundraising group meetings to contribute to planning the calendar of fundraising events and activities.
- Collaborating with the 'Creative Friends of Teesside Mind', helping to promote this peer-led crafts group and supporting them in selling their creations at community events.

- Helping run stalls, tables and collections at community fundraising and awareness events.
- Thanking donors and supporters of Teesside Mind.
- Distributing our branded collecting tins to local venues, collecting when full and sharing thank you certificates in recognition of their support

What will I get in return?

In return for your time, Teesside Mind will provide full volunteer training and regular review sessions with staff and other volunteers to help you get the most out of your volunteering experience. Volunteers will be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses (e.g. travel).

Opportunities to develop new skills.

There will be opportunities to develop your skills and confidence in fundraising to help us to support others with mental health issues, from raising awareness to delivering group activities and supporting with a variety of different roles at our events.

As a part of this role you will be expected to:

- Support the Fundraising Team to plan and deliver a range of fundraising events and activities throughout the year to raise much-needed funds for Teesside Mind.
- Provide equal opportunities for everyone to take part and feel included
- Share information about local services that can offer support
- Contribute to evaluation activities and support participants to do the same
- Be a positive role model

As a volunteer of Teesside Mind, you will also be asked to:

- Complete our volunteer induction and attend any other training necessary for the role
- Provide feedback and attend relevant meetings (where able)
- Behave in a professional, confidential and non-discriminatory manner always and promote equal opportunities for all
- Conduct yourself in accordance with Teesside Mind's policies and procedures and uphold the organisations values

How much time do I need to commit?

- Ad hoc throughout the year depending on planned fundraising events and activities.
- The Friends of Teesside Mind group will meet monthly (dates/times tbc).

I have a question about accessibility.

Please speak with us about any questions on accessibility.

What have existing volunteers said about volunteering with Teesside Mind?

'Being a fundraising volunteer with Teesside Mind has been a great experience and I'd recommend it to anyone. You can get involved with some fantastic events, meet people, but most importantly feel you're making a difference'.

'As a fundraising volunteer I can help with as many events as I'd like, helping raise funds for Teesside Mind, so they can help more people with their mental health – and I get to learn new skills and have fun in the process'

Disclosure

This role is subject to satisfactory references, Mind's policies on the Protection of Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults and an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and subsequent re-checks. (Please speak to us about any questions e.g., help identifying suitable references)

What experience, knowledge, skills, and attitudes will I need?

To help you make your decision about whether to apply for this role we have listed the experience, knowledge, skills, and attitudes that will help you to make the most of the role in the below. Don't worry if you don't already possess everything on the list: some will be included in the volunteer training, and you will develop others as you gain experience in the role.

Experience, knowledge, and skills

- Fundraising and events experience
- Experience of a mental health problem
- Knowledge of mental health problems
- Ability to communicate with people of different gender identities, ages and backgrounds
- Good time management skills and reliability
- Ability to maintain professional boundaries and confidentiality

Attitudes

- Open and non-judgmental attitude
- Positive, patient and tolerant approach towards supporting people with mental health problems
- Positive approach to supporting others
- Commitment to Teesside Mind's values (Caring, Professional, Trustworthy, Determined and Welcoming).

Who do I need to contact if I have any questions?

If you have any questions or would like further information, then please contact

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