

Why volunteer for Lancashire Mind?

Volunteering is a great way to become part of the movement, support your community, enhance your skills and improve your wellbeing

We are always looking for new volunteers to help support our work and are currently recruiting for the role outlined below, please have a look and, if you are interested, simply apply online. If the role doesn't interest you, feel free to apply and suggest other ways in which you might be able to support us. We welcome volunteers from all walks of life and are particularly interested in receiving applications from people with lived experience of a mental health condition and who are open to sharing their stories.

As a volunteer you can expect from us:

- Full induction and training
- The opportunity for a reference
- A fulfilling and worthwhile experience

In return we expect from you:

- A minimum 6 month commitment
- Reliable, honest and empathic individuals
- A willingness to attend training and gain experience

After receiving your application the next step is an informal interview where you can find out more about volunteering with us and we can get to know you as well. Following this meeting, if we feel we have a role suitable for you and you wish to continue we will proceed with the application process, which can take up to 6 weeks.

All volunteers must be 16 or over (we will consider taking under 16's on work experience where a role is available).

To discuss volunteering opportunities please email our Operations Lead

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Role description

Role title: Fundraising Champion

Location: Across Lancashire

Commitment: flexible days/times, a minimum commitment of 6 months

Requirements: Ability to travel around Lancashire but car not necessarily

What's it all about?

Our Fundraisers are vital to Lancashire Mind. As well as raising vital funds for people living with a mental health condition, they raise awareness of who we are and what we do, helping us reach more people who need us and helping us achieve Mental Wellbeing for all in Lancashire.

Lancashire Mind fundraising champions will inspire others through organising and hosting their own fundraising events, and engaging local supporters in raising funds for Lancashire Mind.

What does the role involve?

As a champion your role will be to meet with other fundraisers from within your networks and develop relationships across the community to inspire them to fundraise for Lancashire Mind. As a team we would ideally like you to fulfil several objectives:

- Organising at least two fundraising events per year. This could be a coffee morning, or something as grand as a village fete. Focus on the skills of the group and what you like doing and go from there.
- Organising two bucket collections per year. This could be a day at a supermarket collecting or, if you have enough volunteers, covering a whole city or borough – it's up to you. We've put together a 'How To' guide for collections with all you need to know about putting a collection day together.
- Holding a Lancashire Mind stall at local Fairs, events or open days. We do not have merchandise to sell, but if you can think of a fun fundraising stand like a teddy tombola or lucky dip to attract people to your stall, this would be great and would help us raise awareness of Lancashire Mind in your local area.
- Helping to promote local fundraising activity and campaigns in the local area.
- Representing the charity at local events and cheque presentations as requested.
- Keeping the Fundraising Team updated with any new talks that are generated through the project's activity.
- Approaching local businesses that may be able to hold a collecting tin, display a poster, hold a small fundraising event for Lancashire Mind.
- Quarterly meetings with the fundraising coordinator to update and plan for the next quarter.

What will you be doing?

- Recruiting, motivating and meeting with fundraisers in your area.
- Supporting people to raise as much money as possible for Lancashire Mind
- Acting as the main Lancashire Mind contact for your area and liaise regularly with the Fundraising coordinator.
- Attending training and team meetings with other Champions
- Helping to attract and recruit new fundraisers.
- Encouraging and supporting other fundraisers group in their activities.
- Keeping up-to-date with the latest Lancashire Mind news and info.

What we can offer you:

- Training, information and materials to help you carry out your role effectively
- Recognition of the role that you are carrying out in support of Lancashire Mind
- Regular guidance and support
- An opportunity to feed back about your role
- Reimbursement of agreed out of pocket expenses, e.g. travel costs

We are looking for people who:

- Have excellent interpersonal skills for building relationships with supporters.
- Have an interest in mental health and mental wellbeing
- Are approachable and friendly
- Have an interest in events management and volunteer-led fundraising.
- Have an ability to lead, organise and inspire volunteers to support Lancashire Mind
- Have the ability to maintain professional boundaries & work unsupervised
- Are highly organised
- Are empathatic & understanding
- Are reliable
- Have good knowledge of your local area.
- Are confident in using basic PC applications.

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