

Volunteering with Alzheimer's Research UK

Community Speaker

Thank you!

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Community Speaker for Alzheimer's Research UK.

Our public speakers are growing in number all the time up and down the UK, making invaluable ambassadors for the charity, helping to increase public understanding of the condition and our vital work to defeat it.

What does a Community Speaker do?

You'll be involved in important activities and opportunities including:

- Giving talks to local organisations and community groups in your region.
- Engaging with community organisations who've supported or are considering supporting ARUK.
- Attending cheque presentations or local events on behalf of ARUK and officially thanking donors for their support.
- Identifying opportunities for talks in local organisations.
- Identifying and developing potential fundraising opportunities within local groups.
- Acting as an ambassador for ARUK through building community networks.

How much time will I have to commit?

As much or as little time as you can – it's up to you how involved you want to be.

What are the personal benefits?

In return, as one of ARUK's fantastic Community Speakers you'll benefit from:

- Becoming part of a movement to defeat dementia.
- The opportunity to develop your leadership, communications, fundraising, PR and organisational skills.
- Slides, information and updates on dementia and the work of ARUK.
- Public speaking guidance.
- Having your expenses paid within agreed guidelines.

What are we looking for?

Although you don't need to have previous experience of a similar volunteering role within a charity ideally, you'll have the following:

- An interest in Alzheimer's Research UK and the work that we do.
- Good communication skills.
- Strong organisational skills.
- Honesty and reliability.
- Passion and enthusiasm.

Why volunteer with us?

Our volunteers tell us that volunteering is fun and rewarding, and it gives them the opportunity to meet new people and have new experiences. But most importantly, it's their way of helping us defeat dementia.

Many of our volunteers have been affected in one way or another by dementia. Often, they've cared for a friend or family member with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia. Volunteering for Alzheimer's Research UK is their way of being part of the community that is fighting back.

When you volunteer with Alzheimer's Research UK, you're helping defeat dementia.

Our promise to you

When you become an Alzheimer's Research UK volunteer, we'll always treat you with respect, consideration and appreciation. We'll listen to what you have to say and ask you what you think. We'll make sure you're always working in a friendly and encouraging atmosphere. And of course, your health, safety and welfare are our top priority.

We'll be there to support you and make sure you know exactly what you're doing. To keep you up to date with what's happening in our volunteering community, we'll send you our regular newsletter and e-newsletters.

What's the next step?

Please fill in our [register your interest](#) online form. Your local ARUK Regional Fundraising Officer will then contact you to arrange a time to discuss the role and answer any questions you may have. They'll also gather details about your experience of dementia and interest in the charity. This information will only be used to match you with appropriate public speaking opportunities.

When you've decided that this role is for you, the Volunteering team will ask you for the contact details of two referees so references can be taken up before you start volunteering.

You'll be fully supported by your local Regional Fundraising Officer. They'll give you the chance to shadow them and they'll brief you fully before your first public event. You'll be given an information pack about the charity, details of our key messages and some example speech notes to help you get started.

If you have any general enquiries about this role please contact the Volunteering team on 0300 111 5555 or email volunteer@alzheimersresearchuk.org