



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT VOLUNTEER

Introduction

Community Engagement Volunteers help us raise our profile, promote our activities and build relationships with local supporters and potential funders that enable us to fund our courses, activities and events for older Londoners. This is a varied and flexible volunteer role which might suit you if you cannot commit to volunteering at fixed times but care about our work, have good communication skills and an ability to engage with groups in all our local communities.

Community Engagement Volunteer Role

- Raise community awareness about the importance of older people engaging with activities and events to improve their health & wellbeing and help combat loneliness & isolation.
- Promote Open Age as a charity dedicated to improving the quality of life for older people and explain how the activities that we provide make a real difference in people's lives.
- Build and strengthen relationships and connections with local community groups, older people's services and local business in the West London area and beyond.

Community Engagement Volunteer Tasks

- Share experiences with the general public and answering questions about Open Age work on information stalls at community meetings, events and festivals.
- Share experiences with local community groups about the needs of older people, the activities Open Age offers them, and how fundraising, big and small, can make a difference.
- Listening to member stories with the aim of collecting and writing up case studies to showcase how involvement in Open Age can improve older people's quality of life.
- Communicate (by letter, email and phone) with local health and social care organisations and community centers about the activities Open Age currently offers.
- Assist with specific fundraising campaigns and visit supporter organisations as an Open Age representative to thank them for their support.

Community Engagement Volunteer Commitment

- Volunteer for Open Age at least once a month.
- Attend Open Age volunteer meetings (3 a year).
- Feedback on volunteering experience and hours.

The Community Engagement Volunteer is an unpaid, voluntary role, though any appropriate out-of-pocket expenses, including travel and subsistence will be reimbursed on production of the appropriate receipts. Following completion of the Volunteer Application form and an informal interview, all volunteers will receive an organisational induction, relevant training in the role and a volunteering reference after an appropriate period of satisfactory volunteering.