

As we are a charity, our work relies heavily on the generosity of our supporters. Our community fundraisers go out into their local area and support us with various community based fundraising activities. This community fundraising helps us to continue to support people affected by stroke.

What the role involves:

As a community fundraiser there are a wide range of activities that you might be involved with, depending on the particular needs in your area. They include:

- Building local relationships and engaging with your community to raise awareness of stroke and our fundraising activities.
- Dealing with any administration tasks such as providing receipts, recording the money collected and paying it into our bank account.
- Placing/collecting fundraising collection boxes in agreed sites in your local area, and identifying new sites in your local area where collection boxes can be placed.
- Collecting and banking public cheque donations from around your local area.
- Supporting our street and store collections and various campaigns or fundraising initiatives such as Make May Purple and Give a Hand and Bake.

Who the role might suit:

- To be an effective community fundraiser you need to be friendly, engaging and comfortable meeting members of the public.
- If you are someone who enjoys meeting new people and likes to engage with their local community then this could be a good role for you.
- Community fundraisers have regular ongoing support from our staff but spend much of their time alone out in the community so you need to be someone who is comfortable working on your own.
- Because this is a fundraising role you would need to have good numeracy skills, be able to keep basic financial records and be happy handling money.

What the role can offer you personally:

- Being a community fundraiser means you get to meet and engage with a wide range of people and organisations in your local community.
- It also offers you the opportunity to improve your CV and gain practical experience of fundraising activities in the voluntary sector.
- The role can help you gain confidence in communicating effectively and develop their organisational skills.
- Community fundraisers find it gives them a way to support their community, and the feeling of being able to make a difference and giving something back.

Training for this role:

We provide all of our community fundraisers with training so they feel confident in the role and give the best possible support to stroke survivors.

Mandatory training that you need to undertake for this role is:

- The Stroke Association Volunteer Induction (a one day face-to-face course).
- Personal Safety for Volunteers (a two-hour online learning webinar).

Additional learning opportunities are available to develop your skills and experience:

Emotional Impact of Stroke / Hidden Effects of Stroke / GDPR module on STAR.

We also offer ongoing support and expenses where appropriate.

Where and when you would volunteer:

These details would be agreed with a staff member in one of our local teams. We endeavour to find our volunteers roles in their local areas that suit the time commitments they have available.

A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, an Access NI check or membership of the Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme is not required for this role.

Our vision is for there to be fewer strokes, and for people affected by stroke to get the help they need to live the best life they can.

Our core purpose is to be the trusted voice of stroke survivors and their families. We want to drive better outcomes in stroke prevention, treatment and lifelong support for everyone affected by stroke.

**Volunteer and
make a difference.**

Find out more about stroke, what we do and how you can help:
stroke.org.uk or call our
Stroke Helpline: **0303 3033 100.**