

At the Stroke Association we support people to make the best possible recovery following a stroke. One of the ways we help people is through our Life after Stroke grant. A Life after Stroke Grants volunteer helps stroke survivors to apply for grants that offer vital financial support to those most in need.

## What the role involves:

- As a Life After Stroke Grants (LASG) volunteer, you will support people, on a one-to-one basis, through the various stages of our grant application process.
- You will be telephoning or meeting with stroke survivors to complete an application form, collating information and paperwork, and reporting back to staff and applicants to provide updates on applications.
- You might also promote the availability of grants to attendees of local Stroke Association Voluntary Groups and Stroke Clubs.

## Who the role might suit:

- To be an effective LASG volunteer you need good listening and communication skills, and enjoy meeting and supporting new people.
- If you have a good eye for detail when filling in forms, basic computing skills, are good with numbers and can accurately record information then this might be a good role for you.
- Our LASG volunteers also need to be sensitive and tactful when gathering often very personal and confidential information from stroke survivors.
- LASG volunteers have regular ongoing support from our staff but spend much of their time alone with the stroke survivors so you need to be someone who is comfortable working on your own.

## What the role can offer you personally:

- Being a LASG volunteer means you gain practical experience of working with people who have been affected by stroke, an understanding of the effects it has on them, and the challenges they face.
- LASG volunteers also find it helps them develop new skills with a well-respected charity which can improve their CV and employability.
- Our LASG volunteers enjoy the role because when they help someone gain a grant they can really see what a positive impact their support has provided and what a difference it has made to that person's life.

## Training for this role:

We provide all of our LASG volunteers 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) only mandatory if making visits to stroke survivors homes.
- Training that will help you support a stroke survivor complete a grant application (two hour face-to-face course).

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

Supporting People with Aphasia / 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 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.**