

# VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION

## COMMUNITY ADVOCATE

Regardless of the time you can commit, this could be the volunteer role that's right for you. Our community advocate role is to help raise the profile of first aid within your local community by helping us spread awareness of the first aid message and offer practical lifesaving skills workshops.

<b>Expected time commitment:</b>	Flexible, anytime during the week and weekends
<b>Function:</b>	Community Engagement
<b>Line Managed by:</b>	Unit Manager & Regional Community Development Officer

### WHAT YOU WOULD BE INVOLVED IN (DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES)

- Raise awareness of the importance of first aid skills through engagement with targeted communities (e.g. carers, young parents, homeless groups).
- Provide information to local community groups and associations through events, talks and workshops.
- Distributing promotional materials to promote SJA and advocacy.
- Engage with/support Community Champions in your area.
- Perform any other duties commensurate with these responsibilities, the management level of the post and skills and qualifications of the post-holder.

### WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR (PERSON SPECIFICATION)

- Engaging and able to communicate with a variety of people. *Required*
- Enthusiastic about promoting first aid skills to the public. *Required*
- Prepared to learn first aid skills. *Required*

### WHAT YOU WILL GET FROM THIS ROLE

- You will be part of a supportive team raising awareness of first aid and St John Ambulance.
- Pride in seeing the difference and positive impact your efforts make.
- A great social experience and valuable insight different areas of your community and add use volunteer hours towards time credit schemes.
- Should you wish to commit more hours or take on more responsibility, we can offer progression opportunities in training, youth work and other areas to suit your interests.
- First Aid for All Ages and AED certificate valid for three years.
- Valuable experience for future work in the health and community sector.

### ROLE SPECIFIC EXPECTATIONS

- ***This role is exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitations of Offenders Act.***
- Undertake training for role including first aid.
- Be prepared to Volunteer in a variety of different community groups.
- We ask you to commit to attend activities and events you have volunteered for.
- We expect you to represent SJA in a professional manner always.
- To follow all policies and procedures as briefed.

### TRAINING AND SUPPORT

The training we will provide for you in your first few months is as follows:

- Welcome and Induction to St John Ambulance.
- First Aid for All Ages and AED certificate valid for three years.
- Advocate training.
- Event and activity specific briefings.
- Regular contact, support, and guidance from the Community team.
- SJA will provide a polo shirt.

## SCREENING REQUIREMENT FOR ROLE (CATEGORY TWO)

This role requires the following pre-volunteering screening checks:

- Criminal record check (Enhanced DBS check with adult/child baring lists).
- Professional Registration (PIN) check if a registered Healthcare Professional.
- One reference.
- Identify check and health review.
- Interview.

## OUR VALUES

This role requires you embrace the organisation's vision and values, which are:

***'Everyone who needs it should receive first aid from those around them. No one should suffer for the lack of trained first aiders.'***



This role description is intended as an outline indicator of general areas of activity and will be amended in light of the changing needs of St John Ambulance. It is expected that the post holder will be as positive and flexible as possible in using this document as a framework.

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