

Charity Advocate Volunteer Task

Description

Volunteer Advocate Role Description- Feb 2019

Role:	Charity Advocate
Responsible to:	Chief Operating Officer
Time commitment:	To suit your availability (may include some weekend/evening time)
Location:	Main Cities in Scotland

Background

The charity Sepsis Research (FEAT) was founded by Craig Stobo after his wife, who was a GP, and unborn daughter died from sepsis in 2012.

Sepsis arises when the body's response to an infection damages its own tissues and organs. It can lead to septic shock, multiple organ failure and death, especially if it is not recognised early and treated promptly. Sepsis kills an estimated 52,000 people in the UK and more than 4000 of those are in Scotland. More people die from sepsis each year than the combined figure for breast cancer and bowel cancer.

Making people aware of sepsis is only half the battle. We also need to think about the future, and understand how we can improve the detection, treatment and recovery care of people who have sepsis. For that reason, sepsis research is at the heart of our mission. The aim of our fundraising volunteering activity is to promote our research and awareness campaigns and to raise vital funds within the local community to support our work. Volunteer Advocates are part of our Volunteer Help Force who help to raise awareness of our work by attending events to talk about what the charity does, collect cheques on our behalf and encourage others to get involved in fundraising activity. This is a really important role as it helps us to reach new people, inspire new fundraising activity, and thank our supporters for the work they are doing.

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- Attending specified events (for example community/social group meetings, school assemblies and cheque presentations) to talk about the work of Sepsis Research and the difference we are making; to inspire people to support us through fundraising; to thank supporters for the fundraising they have completed
- Representing the charity in a professional manner
- Making conversation with members of the public as appropriate, and answering questions about the charity
- Promoting planned fundraising initiatives and activities
- Liaising with the Sepsis Research Team for your area

Dress code

- Appropriate for the occasion – this will normally be smart casual
- We will provide you with a t-shirt

Materials supplied

- Volunteer ID Badge
- Presentation cheque when required
- Posters, leaflets and business cards

The benefits to you

- Experience working with a professional organisation
- A sense of satisfaction and pride for helping to make a valuable difference
- A chance to develop your skills
- Add volunteering to your CV
- Meet new people

Skills, experiences and qualities

- Personable, enthusiastic and approachable
- Shows initiative
- Confident in public speaking
- Able to drive is an advantage

What you can expect from Sepsis Research

- An induction session to introduce you to the charity, recognise your skills and identify any ongoing support you may need from us in order to fulfil the role
- A designated point of contact for support and guidance, when needed
- Reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, for example travelling to and from the fundraising venue
- Regular updates on what the charity is doing

Time commitment

This is a flexible role to suit your availability (approx. 2 hours per month, may include weekends & evenings), however there is no minimum time commitment. Volunteer Advocates will be contacted as appropriate and offered the opportunity to attend events to which we are invited.

Recruitment process

Express your interest and you will be asked to attend an induction course where training and support will be provided. You will also have the chance to ask any questions. References will be taken and, in some cases, a PVG check may need to be undertaken.

Next step

Complete the volunteer application form and return to info@sepsisresearch.org.uk and the team at Sepsis Research will contact you directly to have a chat with you.