



Community Networks Advisory Panel Member Volunteer Role Description

All our activities and services are coproduced with volunteers and people affected by MS. We involve people who deliver and benefit from our services in every level of our decision making – in advisory, consultation, decision and insight groups. It's how we make sure we understand and deliver what our audiences need as effectively as we can.

As our Community Networks Advisory Panel Member you'll help make sure our local group volunteers are represented in our work. You'll use your own experiences to contribute to meetings (eg. in person, on the phone or through video conferencing), to help improve the support systems used by group volunteers, and shape changes affecting our local groups.

Importantly, your input will inform decision-making processes that benefit our local groups and the people they support.

What the role involves

- Attending meetings (via video conferencing)
- Contributing to discussions as part of a group or via email
- Offering your perspective, based on your own experiences of volunteering with or supporting an MS Society group
- Listening to and considering others' experiences and view points, and taking them into account when making decisions
- Providing feedback and reviewing information
- Evaluating management information to inform decisions

You will have a chance to discuss your role and any additional needs with us.

Together, we are strong enough to stop MS.

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What you need for this role

Essential

- Committed to our values and able to share your own story or professional expertise, whilst also representing the views of others
- Be a National Council Member, or an experienced volunteer conversant with the role of groups in supporting people with MS
- Confident working with senior internal decision makers, individually and/or in meeting settings
- Excellent communication, and team-working skills
- Ability to work with others to analyse information (eg. data charts, spreadsheets etc) and contribute to reports)
- Working knowledge and confidence using Microsoft Office, the Internet and email
- An understanding of disability, equality and inclusion practices
- Able to keep discussion confidential and people's personal data safe

Desirable

- Enjoy working as part of a team and sharing best practice
- Effective people skills

In order to volunteer in this role you will need to:

- Read through your welcome and induction checklist

Additional information about our Volunteering programme:

When you volunteer with us, you join our powerful community of people living with MS, scientists, campaigners, listeners, organisers, ambassadors and fundraisers.

Our Volunteering Programme holds the prestigious Investing in Volunteers (iV) accreditation. This award recognises our dedication to ensuring all volunteers have an excellent experience – from when we recruit you, through supporting you to develop skills and experience, to recognising your achievements.

Our shared commitments help keep our Volunteering Programme enjoyable, meaningful and safe for everyone.

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