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Welcome to your monthly newsletter - keeping you updated with news relevant to all volunteers, as well as key group-specific news.

## A message from Nick

Hello!

I wanted to use this month's newsletter as an opportunity to welcome you back and wish you a Happy New Year. I hope you managed to enjoy a restful break with family and friends.

While I was off, I spent some time reflecting on 2022. I not only thought of external factors that continue to make life challenging for many of us, but how I was once again impressed by the resilience shown by our community, volunteers and staff.

Despite the ongoing uncertainty we've been faced with due to the cost-of-living crises and pandemic, it was uplifting to see many of our community reconnecting in person through fundraising events, group activities, and conferences, etc. I felt there was a real sense of togetherness and community spirit as we slowly returned to normal — albeit a 'new' normal.

I feel immensely proud of all we've achieved together and I'm looking forward to sharing our key highlights from 2022 and plans for 2023 in a 'Volunteering in Action' booklet, which you can read more about below. As usual, I'll be giving an organisational update at our first Volunteer Voice of the year on Tuesday 31 January. I hope to see you there. You can [register here to attend the session on Zoom](#).

Until then, I wish you a happy and successful 2023.

With best wishes,  
Nick

**Nick Moberly**  
**Chief Executive**



## General updates



### First Volunteer Voice of 2023



### Welcoming new volunteers

Join us on **31 January**, when we'll be joined by the team behind Social Connect. They'll give an overview of the new online hub designed to empower more people with MS to come together, share experiences and access peer support.

[Sign up here](#) 

We're always looking for new ways to improve the induction experience for new volunteers. First impressions are so important. We want new joiners to feel connected to the organisation from the start, clear about their roles and empowered to succeed.

[Find out more](#) 



## Fundraising events in 2023

Do you know someone who's been thinking about fundraising for us? Perhaps our calendar of events can inspire them. From strolling to sky diving — we've got an event for everyone!

[Find out more](#) 



## Urgent reminder to complete GDPR training

Thanks to everyone who's completed our GDPR eLearning module since we sent it out last year. If you've received it, but haven't yet completed it, please do so as soon as possible.

[Find out more](#) 

## Volunteering in Action: highlights from 2022

There are no volunteering stories this month. This is because we've been busy

working on a booklet looking back at volunteering highlights across the organisation in 2022. We'll be sending out a number of printed copies across the network over the coming weeks. And there'll be a digital version on the volunteer website for everyone to access, so keep a look out!

[Find out more](#) □



## Updates for groups



### Web to Print update - interim solution

Following the closure of Web to Print, find out more about our interim solution to support groups with marketing design requirements. And how you can be involved in testing the new process.

[Find out more](#) □



### Fundraising drop-in sessions on Zoom

If you have any questions about group fundraising (including the [new Enthuse platform](#)), Gus Fraser (our Senior Community Fundraiser) will be available to answer them and give advice.

[Sign up here](#) □

## Final reminder re Finance Year End

A big thank you to all our group volunteers who are busy completing the Finance Year End Checklist via our Year End online system. Just a reminder that all groups need to complete this, as well as analyse all 2022 transactions, by **31 January**.

[Find out more](#) 

## This month's Top Tips!

Welcome to our new 'Top Tips' section. Every month we'll share useful ideas and/or 'how to' hints to help you carry out your volunteering role.

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If you're trying to access our **online shop**, the log-in is usually your group email address (groupname@mssociety.org.uk). If you can't remember your group password, there's a reset option. If you still can't get into your account, please email shop@mssociety.org.uk.

You can [find further information about the online shop here](#).

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## Events

### Events for all volunteers

**Virtual support events:** Information webinars, skills sessions, Conversation Caf  s and Wellbeing courses for different stages of the MS journey

**Volunteer training troubleshooting sessions:** Wednesday 18 January at 11am, Tuesday 31 January at 2pm

**Volunteer Voice:** Tuesday 31 January at 4pm

**Volunteer Welcome Event:** Wednesday 1 February at 9.30am

## Events for group volunteers

**Finance Year End support sessions:** Multiple dates in January available

**Starting group social activities and meetings:** Thursday 19 January at 12.30pm

**Fundraising drop-in sessions:** Thursday 26 January at 10am, Tuesday 7 February at 3pm, Thursday 23 February at 10am, Tuesday 7 March at 3pm and Thursday 23 March at 10am

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