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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.



General updates



Volunteer Voice focusses on diversity

Join us on **30 November**, when our



Supporting you on social media

Our new Social Media Toolkit for

Trustee Bayan Mohajeri will share his insight and experience on how best to encourage more involvement from under-represented groups across our volunteer community.

[Register here to join us](#) □

Volunteers is now live! Find lots of handy tips and guidance on using social media to reach and connect with more people in your area.

[Find out more](#) □



Free will writing service

Do you have an up-to-date will? We can connect you with a qualified local solicitor for help to write one as simply and inexpensively as possible.

[Find out more](#) □



Stop MS Appeal

Our annual fundraising Christmas Appeal will be launching soon! This year the appeal is focusing on the incredible work of the UK MS Register.

[Find out more](#) □

Things you might have missed...

- [Discount code to buy new board game supporting the MS Society](#)
- [New online hub to be piloted in December](#)
- [Christmas Carol Concert tickets now on sale](#)
- [Scientific conference reveals new research on exercise and MS](#)



Volunteering in action



We should all give something back if we can

Philomena tells us how she put the skills from her career to good use as an Administration Volunteer and Support Volunteer. And what giving back has given to her.

[Read Philomena's blog here](#) □



Using my skills to help others

Geraldine joined us as a Support Volunteer, but her networking skills have meant her role has expanded! She tells us about her love for volunteering and what spurs her on to keep going.

[Read Geraldine's blog here](#) □

***** If you'd like to share your own experiences of volunteering, please let us know by completing the [online form here](#) *****



Updates for groups



Web to Print system closing down

Unfortunately, we've recently been told by our Web to Print supplier that the service is closing down after **5pm on Friday 23 December**. We will, of course, be putting an alternative solution in place as soon as possible.

[Find out more](#) 



Awards for All system update

On **Wednesday 23 November** the National Lottery Awards for All platform will be updated. We advise on what to do if you have an application drafted or submitted on the current system.

[Find out more](#) 



Finance year end — information and support

As we all look forward to festive celebrations, the financial year end



Support sessions for Support Volunteers

Whether you're a new Support Volunteer who'd like to meet the team

creeps ever closer. We've summarised what groups will need to do to meet the 31 January deadline — and how you can access support.

[Find out more](#) 

who support you, or a long-standing Support Volunteer who'd like to touch base to find out what's new, we have a session for you.

[Find out more](#) 

Things you might have missed...

- Use our new Enthuse fundraising platform to **drive your festive fundraising**
- If you'd like to chat about **group grant giving**, join one of our informal get-togethers

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.

Make your event stand out! People often search on our main website for events local to them. When adding your social to the Portal so it can be found in a search, use the 'Title' box to make it really clear exactly what the event is, and also where it will take place. So, for example, 'Coffee and Chat, Time Capsule Coatbridge, ML5 1DA'.

This will also help our Admin Team to find the correct event to check your health and safety document, and speed up the approval process.



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 Voice: Wednesday 30 November at 11am

Volunteer Welcome Event: Wednesday 1 February at 9.30am

Volunteer training support sessions: Thursday 24 November at 11am, Tuesday 6 December at 2pm, Wednesday 18 January at 11am, Tuesday 31 January at 2pm

Events for group volunteers

Support Volunteer Autumn Forums: Tuesday 29 November at 10am, Wednesday 30 November at 2pm and Thursday 1 December at 10am

Grants Get-togethers: Friday 18 November at 4pm and Thursday 15 December at 11am

Finance year end support sessions: Multiple dates from 28 November

Let's stop MS together



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