



# Campaigner Volunteer

## Role Description

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Do you have a great idea to benefit people living with MS? If so, please get in touch to become a volunteer Campaigner! At the MS Society, we campaign on a range of issues like welfare, treatments, care and support that people with MS need. We want to do more locally and want to support your ideas on making change happen. Together we can do more.

Perhaps you've spotted there are no blue badge spaces at your local supermarket? Or maybe your neighbourhood has no kerbs easy for wheelchairs to use? In this volunteer role, you'll help drive change for people with MS in your community and develop your networking and influencing skills along the way.

As a campaigner you'll bring your own ideas, local knowledge and personal experience to your campaigns. You'll make decisions about your own campaign activities and collaborate with other campaigners in your area.

We'll support you in your volunteering, giving you opportunities to lead positive change, meet and network with other campaigners, and develop your skills through training. We'll also cover reasonable expenses for your campaigning activities, with the opportunity to apply for larger amounts of funding if your campaign needs it.

### What the role involves

The role will very much depend on the issues you want to campaign on in your community. Some activities might include:

- Coordinating campaigning activity in your area.
- Engaging with other people affected by MS in the community and gathering community support for your campaigning.
- Setting up digital petitions and using social media to promote campaigns, encouraging others to take part and support.
- Building relationships in the local community with decision makers such as politicians and healthcare providers.
- Setting up and attending meetings with decision makers.

- Setting up and attending meetings, forums and campaign events.
- Writing and circulating press releases and letters.
- Sharing campaign developments with MS Society staff.

## What you need for this role

- To be enthusiastic and passionate about creating change in your local area for people affected by MS. You may have MS or know someone who does.
- To be able to speak out about the stories of people with MS or your own personal experiences, including to decision makers.
- An ability to work well and collaborate with others, including other people living with or affected by MS, and MS Society supporters and staff.

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

- Complete an application, with an overview of your campaign idea, and any steps you've already taken on your campaign.
- Have an informal conversation with your staff contact, to discuss whether becoming a campaign volunteer is right for you.
- Complete the Welcome and Induction Checklist in the back of your [Welcome Pack](#) (opens in new window).
- Complete the training listed below:

<b>Must do training</b>	<b>Role specific training</b>
Data protection eLearning	Induction with your volunteer point of contact

## Sources of support:

We will ensure that whilst volunteering with us you will have access to all the support you need to feel comfortable, confident with what you are doing, and able to achieve the most impact through your time with us.

Your staff contact in the Campaigns Team is here to support you, answer any questions you might have about what you'll be doing, your learning and where you can get more information. You can also email [campaigns@mssociety.org.uk](mailto:campaigns@mssociety.org.uk) at any time to reach the team.

The Campaigns Team can also signpost you to other members of staff for further information, like your Regional Development Officer or Community Development Officer for local knowledge and advice.

The Supporter Care Team is your point of contact for queries to other MS Society departments. They can signpost you to the right person: [supportercare@mssociety.org.uk](mailto:supportercare@mssociety.org.uk)

Speaking to other volunteers from can be another source of support. This is something you could organise yourself or ask your volunteer point of contact to do for you.

Other staff who can support you are listed on our volunteer website: [volunteers.mssociety.org.uk/volunteering-with-us/staff-support](https://volunteers.mssociety.org.uk/volunteering-with-us/staff-support)

Our [Volunteers Website](#) offers guidance on the practices and procedure you should follow: [volunteers.mssociety.org.uk](https://volunteers.mssociety.org.uk)

## 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 shared commitments help keep our volunteering programme enjoyable, meaningful and safe for everyone.

Download [Our Commitments](#) here.