

Speaker Volunteer

Role Description

Team:	Local volunteering team
Main contact:	Volunteer Support Officer/Volunteer Coordinator
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About Diabetes UK

As the UK's leading diabetes charity, it's our job to tackle the diabetes crisis. We're here to prevent Type 2 diabetes, campaign for and support everyone affected by diabetes, and fund research that will one day lead us to a cure.

About the role

Speaker scheme volunteers give talks and presentations on behalf of Diabetes UK to groups in their local communities to raise awareness of diabetes and our work. You fit the talks into your existing commitments; you decide when you are available and who you are going to be speaking to. Most talks will last for around 30 minutes to 1 hour.

Main tasks and activities

- Attend a speaker scheme training session to learn more about diabetes and Diabetes UK and help develop your presentation skills.
- Approach groups in your local area to offer to give talks to their members.
- We hope that you will be able to volunteer to organise a minimum of 5 talks over a year (after training has taken place).
- Present in a friendly and enthusiastic manner to a wide range of groups such as community groups, social clubs, local companies and organisations.
- Answer general queries and direct any medical or other specific questions to Diabetes UK or to healthcare professionals.

About you

We are looking for people who are:

- Confident speaking to groups of people
- Good communication and listening skills
- Enthusiastic and outgoing
- An interest in community-based health promotion work
- Motivation and time to organise talks
- Ability to maintain confidentiality
- Commitment to support the work of Diabetes UK and represent Diabetes UK in a positive way
- A willingness to attend all briefings and trainings related to your role



What Diabetes UK can offer you

- Information and materials to help you carry out your role effectively
- Recognition of the role that you are carrying out in support of Diabetes UK
- Full training, guidance and support
- An opportunity to feed back about the talks you give
- The opportunity to learn new skills and make a difference to people living with or at risk of developing diabetes.
- Reimbursement of out of pocket expenses incurred while carrying out activities for Diabetes UK, eg travel, lunch.

Safer Recruitment

We are committed to ensuring that our volunteer recruitment is fair, safe and consistent. The recruitment and selection process must therefore be appropriate to the nature of the role. Some roles may require a more in depth selection process, for example those working with children or vulnerable adults. Your volunteering contact will be able to explain more about this.

This role will require references.

How to apply and next steps

To apply for this role, please contact your local volunteering team.