

Fundraising Innovation Officer

Job description

Together we are help and hope for everyone living with dementia



Who we are

Dementia is the biggest health and social challenge of our time.

There are currently estimated to be 900,000 people in the UK with dementia. Many are undiagnosed and facing the realities of their condition alone.

At Alzheimer's Society we're working towards a world where dementia no longer devastates lives. We do this by giving help to those living with dementia today and providing hope for the future.

We're here for everyone living with dementia.

As a Society, we are made up of people with dementia, carers, trusted experts, campaigners, researchers and clinicians. We are the UK's largest collective force of people with unparalleled knowledge and over 40 years of experience addressing the biggest challenges facing people living with dementia.

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Our values

Our values tell everyone who we are as an organisation. Our values make sure that our focus is clear for the challenges and opportunities ahead and remind us what we all stand for. Our values are evident in everything we do, how we do it and how we work together.

These are not just words on a wall, we live these every day in all our work. We are Determined to make a difference when and where it matters most, by being passionate, focussed and making a lasting impact for people affected by dementia.



Determined to make a difference

We're passionate, we're focused and we make a lasting impact for everyone living with dementia.



Trusted expert

We're listening, we're learning and we use experience and evidence.



Better together

We're open, we combine our strengths and we achieve more together.



Compassionate

We're kind, we're honest and we don't shy away from challenges.

Through our values we will make the greatest difference for people affected by dementia. Whether you are someone living with dementia, a family member or carer, a supporter, a donor, a colleague from another organisation, an employee or a volunteer, these four values will shape your experience with Alzheimer's Society.

Fundraising Innovation Officer

Position in the Organisation

Reports to the Fundraising Innovation Manager
Member of the Events Team
Part of the Income & Engagement Directorate

Purpose of this Role

We are here for anyone affected by dementia to help them navigate some of the hardest and most frightening times of their lives.

We are advisors, supporters, fundraisers, researchers, influencers, communicators, technical specialist and so much more. We are volunteers, we are employees, and together we are here to make a difference to the lives of people living with dementia and their carers.

This role's purpose is to support the Income & Engagement directorate to innovate. You'll do this both through leading innovation yourself and through supporting and upskilling others to innovate. You will work to improve our existing fundraising products and lead new product development sprints to design new one from scratch. You'll also give advice and coaching on workshops, testing and agile working, helping train others to work in this way.

We are looking for someone who exemplifies our values, someone who is: Determined to make a difference when and where it matters most. A Trusted Expert who believes in working Better Together and demonstrates true Compassion.

Key Accountabilities and Responsibilities

- Work with the rest of Fundraising Innovation and project stakeholders to develop and improve fundraising products
- Deliver idea generation workshops, mostly online and occasionally in person
- Use approaches such as horizon scanning to find insights to inform innovation
- Map assumptions and design tests for these using tools like supporter feedback and smokescreen testing. Adapt our approach based on your learnings.
- Deliver new product development sprints to create and test new fundraising products from scratch
- Manage products through their launch lifecycle, working with multiple stakeholders across teams to deliver against objectives
- Monitor and evaluate tests and pilot products, sharing best practice, learnings and recommendations across teams
- Keep abreast of market trends, competitor product and the fundraising sector
- Give advice on workshops, testing and problem solving, using coaching and upskilling as appropriate
- Support other teams to adopt more agile ways of working, drawing on principles and mindsets as well as specific techniques
- Keep stakeholders at all levels informed and engaged about the progress of new products and other innovations
- Champion innovation across the department, building relationships and encouraging others to try new things

We are looking for someone who can...

- Adhere to all the Society's service standards, policies and procedures.
- Comply with the data protection regulations, ensuring that information on clients remains confidential.
- Be responsible for personal learning and development, to support the learning and development of others and the whole organisation.
- Work in a manner that facilitates inclusion, particularly of people with dementia.
- Implement the Society's health and safety policy and procedures, ensuring that all practices and procedures are undertaken in accordance with a healthy and safe working environment and that all staff and volunteers for whom you may be responsible are aware of their responsibilities in respect of their role, monitoring data and recommending action as required.
- Administrate and organise own work to ensure that it is accurate and meets quality targets, reasonable deadlines, and reporting requirements.
- Follow the Society's management information guidelines and requirements, including ensuring appropriate monthly measures on service usage levels are collected and submitted on the services database or other systems in accordance with deadlines.

Person Specification and Selection Criteria

Skills & Knowledge	Application (A) or Interview (I)
Proven track record of working in an innovative way	A/I
Knowledge of the innovation cycle and/ or agile ways of working	A/I
Demonstrable experience of working in fundraising products/events and/or individual giving	A/I
Experience facilitating workshops	A/I
Experience developing new fundraising products from concept through to launch	A/I
Experience in championing innovation across a wider organisation	A/I
Experience in testing products	A/I

Competencies & Personal Attributes	Application (A) or Interview (I)
Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written	A/I
Excellent problem-solving abilities	A/I

Excellent attention to detail	A/I
Ability to work independently and collaboratively as part of a team	A/I
Ability to manage a range of complex projects and deadlines, with excellent stakeholder management skills	A/I
Ability to understand and interpret complex data & make recommendations based on analysis	A/I
Innovative, curious and creative thinker	A/I
Self-driven and results oriented, takes initiative	A/I
Commitment to and understanding of equal opportunities	A/I
Understanding of the inclusion agenda and its relevance within a diverse society	A/I

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Criminal Record Check

This post may be subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Check, from either the Disclosure and Barring Service (England & Wales), Disclosure Scotland Check (Scotland) or AccessNI (Northern Ireland). Please select the level of Check required for this role:

Basic ☐

Enhanced ☐

Not Applicable ☒

Candidates - If you require further information regarding Criminal Records Check, then please contact: [**careers@alzheimers.org.uk**](mailto:careers@alzheimers.org.uk)

Hiring Managers - If you require further information regarding Criminal Records Check for this role, then please contact: [**Employeesupport@alzheimers.org.uk**](mailto:Employeesupport@alzheimers.org.uk)

Our benefits



Financial Security

- Group Personal Pension Plan with Scottish Widows – with up to 8% employer contribution rate
- Life Assurance Scheme – two times your annual salary
- Society Plus and Smart Spending App – giving you unbeatable savings at hundreds of retailers



Health & Wellbeing

- Health Cash Plan
- 24/7 Employee Assistance Programme including online and face to face counselling
- Discounted gym membership with Society Plus
- Lived Experience Networks
- Mental health app and unlimited therapy



Personal Development

- Apprenticeships
- Women in Leadership development programme
- Leadership development programme
- Financial support towards relevant professional qualifications



Family & Dependants

- Enhanced family leave – 16 weeks paid for all parents
- Paid time off work for fertility treatments for both partners
- Paid carers leave
- Paid dependants leave
- Paid compassionate and bereavement leave
- Paid time off work to support those transitioning



Recognition

- Annual people awards
- Long service awards
- Thank you eCards
- Values Hero and Society Legend Awards



Work Life Balance

- Annual leave of 27 days increasing to 30, plus bank holidays
- Career breaks of up to 3 months
- Flexible working
- Wellbeing leave