Involvement Group Support Volunteer
Role description

Together we are help and hope for everyone living with dementia

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Why we need you

You'll play a key role in supporting local Involvement activities to enable people living with dementia to engage in meaningful activities within a group setting, either online or face-to-face. You will enable them to have a voice. They do this by using their experiences to influence the work of Alzheimer's Society and the health and social care environment on matters to improve the quality of their lives.

What you will be doing

- Helping to set up the room and tidying away at the end of the group.
- Preparing and distributing refreshments.
- Welcoming and talking to people living with dementia.
- Assisting people living with dementia to engage in Involvement activities.
- Some potential light administration duties, such as registering attendees or taking minutes.
- If supporting an online group, enabling people to join in the conversation.

This role will suit you if you

- Are aware of or are interested in learning about dementia and its impact on people and their needs and enabling them to share their experiences.
- Can demonstrate empathy, compassion and patience.
- Have good communication skills, especially listening, and are organised.
- Enjoy meeting new people and being part of a team.

What you can expect from us

- We will make you feel welcome, included and respected.
- You will receive training, ongoing supervision and support.
- You can claim pre-agreed out of pocket expenses (for example, travel) in line with our policy.
- We'll keep you up to date with relevant policies and procedures that apply to your role.
- You'll have access to learning, development and engagement opportunities for volunteers.

What we need from you

To ensure the safety and security of people with dementia we ask for:
- Two references and proof of identity.
- To put the role into practice most effectively volunteers are recommended to continue for at least 6 months.
- Learning at the start will take about 2 hours, followed by periodic refreshers.
- You will need your own computer, internet access and phone.