

Involvement Assistant

Job description

It will take a society to beat dementia. Alzheimer's Society.



Who we are

Dementia is the UK's biggest killer. One in three people born in the UK today will develop dementia in their lifetime.

At Alzheimer's Society, we're the UK's leading dementia charity and the only one to tackle all aspects of dementia by giving help and hope to people living with dementia today and in the future. We give vital support to people facing the most frightening times of their lives, while also funding groundbreaking research and campaigning to make dementia the priority it should be.

Together with our supporters, we're working towards a world where dementia no longer devastates lives.

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 of 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.

Involvement Assistant

Position in the organisation

Reports to the Involvement Lead
Member of our Involvement team.
Part of our People directorate.

Purpose of this role

At Alzheimer's Society 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 with dementia and their carers.

The Involvement Assistant will play an administrative and project support role within the Involvement Team. This role involves supporting activities that involve internal colleagues, people living with dementia and their family, friends and carers in person and by telephone, email, via social media channels and over teams and zoom.

The postholder will be keen to learn, have an ability to explain information to different audiences, and be able to work with the team to inspire others to plan and deliver involvement activity. The role will enable people affected by dementia to be involved and share their knowledge and skills to help plan, shape and influence our future work.

The role is primarily home-based, but there will be a requirement to travel to attend team meetings, occasional events and in-person meetings with other teams.

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

- Actioning structured keeping in touch calls to Dementia Voice Partners, those who are already involved and those who are new to Involvement.
- Support the development of involvement resources and guidance to support best practice in involvement.
- Routinely use the Dementia Voice database: including adding activities, participants and updating records as required.
- Support with arranging venues, booking travel, liaising with attendees and supporting delivery of events.
- Provide administration support for Involvement activities, projects and the production of Involvement communications.
- Support with the creation of Involvement communications.
- To undertake any other duties or projects commensurate with the nature and grade of this post as required.
- Ensure that the protection of people affected by dementia is paramount, recognising potential safeguarding concerns, and confidently referring to the Safeguarding Team and outside agencies if appropriate.

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)
Understanding of the need for client confidentiality	A/I
Experience of record keeping and writing reports	A/I
Good IT skills including MS Word, MS Outlook, video calling and familiarity with web browsing.	A/I
Experience of Customer Service	A/I
An understanding of the needs of people with dementia and their carers	A/I
Able to work with limited supervision	A/I

Competencies & personal attributes	Application (A) or interview (I)
Be a team player, supporting colleagues when there are deadlines, and who knows when to ask for help themselves.	A/I
Be a self-starter and incredibly motivated.	A/I
Excellent organisational and timekeeping skills.	A/I
Excellent attention to detail.	A/I
Non-judgemental communication	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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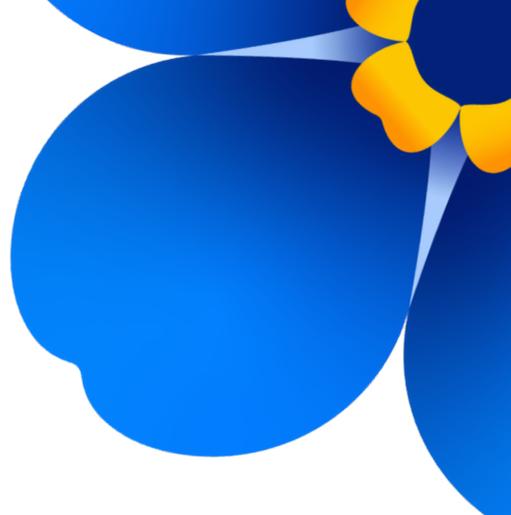
Criminal Record Check

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 contributions 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 cooselling
- Discounted gym membership with Society Plus
- Lived Experience Networks
- Mental health app and unlimited therapy



Personal Development

- Apprenticeships
- 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