



VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION:

Care Home Social Activities & Events Volunteer

Why get involved with the Royal British Legion (RBL)?

You don't need to be an RBL member or have links to the Armed Forces community to volunteer with us. You'll be joining the UK's leading Armed Forces charity, the heart of a national network that supports our Armed Forces community through thick and thin – ensuring their unique contribution is never forgotten.

How will I make a difference as a *Care Home Social Activities & Events* volunteer?

In this role you will be supporting the RBL's mission through contributing to the smooth operation of the Care Home's functions by arranging social activities and events.

What could I be doing as a *Care Home Social Activities & Event* volunteer?

- Assisting in the preparation and delivery of social activities and events (internal and external), as agreed by the Wellbeing Manager (or Volunteer Manager, Galanos House). For example, Knit & Natter groups; arts & crafts; games; quizzes and reading; cooking; playing and supporting residents with musical instruments and with singing groups/choirs; supporting residents to access and use technology.
- Collecting and escorting residents to social events and activities including approved trips. (This should only be undertaken following the appropriate training)
- Delivering and supporting entertainment as agreed by the Wellbeing Manager.
- Serving refreshments during breaks under the instruction of the Wellbeing team.
- Supporting the residents to access the homes amenities. For example, homes shop, bar, library, gardens.
- Arranging and caring for flowers, photographs or displays in the Care Home.
- Helping the residents have fun and live a fulfilling life.
- Supporting and promoting the homes events and fundraising activities. For example, putting posters/leaflets out, assisting in the preparation of events, participating in events and promoting good news stories and case studies.

What won't I be doing as a *Care Home Social Activities & Events* volunteer?

- Providing personal or nursing care to residents.
- Offering a counselling service to residents.
- Moving or transferring of residents who require assistance.
- Assisting residents to eat and drink.

What skills and experience would I need, or could I develop?

- Be a good listener, effective communicator and enjoy conversation with a wide variety of people.
- Able to work as part of a team and also independently.
- Enjoy planning and coordinating activities and events.
- Enthusiastic, friendly and a willing to get involved.
- Committed to acting in line with RBL policies and procedures, including those relating to fundraising regulations; data protection; confidentiality; health and safety and equality and diversity.

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What support will be available to me?

- An initial 2-day induction, followed by annual refresher training.
- A designated person to discuss your volunteering with.
- Training and opportunities for further development.
- A handbook to support your volunteering.
- Day to day support from a member of the team.
- A volunteer agreement that outlines both our expectations of you as well as what you can expect from us.

What else do I need to know?

Where:	Volunteer role to be carried out in the home or the community, which will be agreed with the volunteer manager.
Time commitment:	A regular commitment of time. which will be agreed with your volunteer manager.
Training/Resources:	Induction. Annual in-house training courses.
Expenses:	Reasonable out-of-pocket costs agreed in advance will be reimbursed.
Extra Information:	<p>The minimum age for Care Home Social Activities & Event volunteer is 18 years old.</p> <p>Two* satisfactory references and a criminal record (DBS) check are required. *If you are already a RBL volunteer, we will only require one reference, from your RBL contact.</p> <p>In order to comply with charity regulations, we reserve the right to carry out additional screening if we consider it appropriate to do so.</p>

What are the benefits for me?

- Be part of a committed and friendly team.
- Excellent socialising opportunities.
- Develop and learn new skills in a care environment, arranging events, and supporting residents.
- Excellent CV building opportunity.
- The opportunity to make a difference to the Armed Forces community.

RBL values and behaviours' – does the following describe you?

- Passionate about supporting the Armed Forces community and honouring their contribution.
- A desire to provide great support in all that you do.
- Enjoy and thrive in working in teams and with others.
- An encourager, eager to share your knowledge and experience to help others.
- Committed to being the best you can and to learn and develop new and existing skills.

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