



Fundraising Volunteer

Can you help fundraise for Colostomy UK?

Colostomy UK exists to make a positive difference for anyone impacted by any kind of stoma or stoma surgery. We provide practical and emotional support and advice whenever it's needed; run projects that empower and build the confidence to manage daily life or take on fresh challenges; are a voice on the issues that matter, campaigning and advocating for ostomates' rights. We want to live in a world where having a stoma presents no obstacles or barriers and carries no stigma.

Over 200,000 people in the UK are living with a stoma and, with the growing success of our campaigning, there is growing awareness of our organisation and, as a result, growing demand for our services.

This role will support fundraising to help ensure we are able to provide the information and support people need, when they need it, and in the ways they prefer to access it. Importantly, you will help to ensure that we can continue to offer our resources free of charge.

What will you do?

You may support a variety of fundraising activities, depending on your skills and preferences, such as:

- Writing or calling to thank our donors, to let them know how their contributions will be put to good use.
- Supporting individuals taking part in fundraising events and challenges for us, providing encouragement, and ensuring they feel valued.
- Researching potential new funders, such as businesses and community groups around the UK.
- Introducing Colostomy UK to new audiences, perhaps through written communications, online or in person.
- Attending fundraising events, community talks, open days or support group meetings to share our work.
- Providing administrative support to monitor the success of our fundraising activities.

Most importantly, you will be able to talk about the work of Colostomy UK, ideally through a range of different media – in-person presentations and conversations; social media posts; letters and emails; and over the phone.

When and where?

- We would ask you to commit to specified hours on a regular basis, so that we can reliably anticipate workloads.
- You may choose to work from our offices in Winnersh, or to undertake tasks remotely.

- Should you work remotely, you will need access to a computer, and to be contactable by phone or email during your designated hours.
- We may also ask you to undertake some commitments in the evenings or at weekends, depending on your availability.

What qualities and skills will you need?

This role is suitable for anyone who is passionate about our work, as it can be tailored to suit individual strengths.

Some qualities that would be particularly helpful include:

- Good communication and listening skills.
- An understanding of the needs and challenges ostomates might have.
- Confident and articulate when speaking to people, either individually or presenting in public.
- An enthusiastic, friendly and professional approach to the job in hand.
- Good organisational skills, and the ability to prioritise tasks to meet deadlines when needed.
- Willingness to undertake relevant training for the role. (This includes induction training and safeguarding, as well as fundraising).

How will we support you?

- All our volunteers receive comprehensive training, and we offer ongoing support from our office team. We have monthly volunteer meetings and you can contact the office team Monday-Friday 9-5pm.
- You will have access to all Colostomy UK information and resources.
- We will reimburse your out of pocket expenses, e.g. travel, stationery, food & drink while on Colostomy UK business, in line with our expenses policy.
- You will be provided with any relevant equipment and materials required for events.

Can you help out?

Please contact Volunteers Manager Ria on ria.robinson@colostomyuk.org **We'd love to hear from you!**

You will need to complete the relevant training for the role. You will be asked to complete an application form, video interview, DBS check and provide 2 satisfactory references.