# Volunteer Role Description

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with us! We rely on the help and dedication of volunteers to support the wide range of services that we provide to people living with sight loss in the area, and we recognise the huge contribution our volunteers make to the effectiveness of our organisation.

**Role:** Speaker

**Location:** Various locations across Bristol, BaNES, South Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Swindon and Gloucestershire – within reasonable travelling distance

**Purpose:** We are keen to raise public awareness of our work and impact and one of the ways of doing this is to offer informal talks to a variety of community groups and organisations. A secondary aim is to encourage donations and increase the charity’s influencing and fundraising networks.

We are looking for outgoing and enthusiastic individuals who are passionate about the work that we do and would love the opportunity to help raise awareness of our vital services within their local area and in so doing increase our reach and support.

## What will you be doing?

Key tasks:

* Participating in Volunteer Speaker Training
* Delivering talks to community groups about your personal story as well as increasing audience understanding of visual impairment and the work and impact of our charities
* Collecting any donations and reporting back to the Fundraising team about any further opportunities following a talk

Additional tasks:

* Researching and approaching groups in your local area to give talks to their members.

## What skills and experience are needed?

* Enthusiasm for the work of the charity
* An understanding of visual impairment and its impact or a willingness to learn
* Good communication skills
* Friendly and approachable
* Comfortable in a public-facing role and at ease making conversation
* Self-motivated and reliable

## What will you gain from the role?

* The knowledge that you are helping to promote the work of the charity and a greater understanding of Sight Loss within the local community
* Opportunities to meet a variety of people
* Useful public speaking experience

## What support will be given?

* Induction
* Understanding Sight Loss Training
* Speaker Training
* Out-of-Pocket Expenses
* Supervision and support from the Volunteer Coordinator

## When and how often will you be needed?

This role is ad hoc, depending on when speaking opportunities arise

## References and Checks

Two references will be required prior to starting in role

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