

Volunteer Role Profile



Volunteer Role	Community Wish Maker
Volunteer Manager	Community & Volunteering Team
Where you will be based	Community

Why we want you

Become a Community Wish Maker and Help Fund Wishes for Children in your community!

Right now, nearly 1,000 children across the UK are waiting for their life-changing wish, and we urgently need volunteers to help us to raise the funds to make these dreams come true.

As a Community Wish Maker, you'll be the spark that drives our fundraising efforts! Organize exciting events and inspire others to do the same, reach out to local businesses, schools, and organizations, and inspire others by sharing the magic of a wish. Through your talks, you'll highlight the profound impact a wish has on a critically ill child and their family, encouraging your community to donate.

The best part? Every penny you help us to raise as a volunteer will be spent directly on granting wishes only. Your efforts will ensure that local children who are waiting right now can experience the wonder and hope a wish brings.

Join us today and be part of something truly special in your community!

What you will be doing

- As a Community Wish Maker, you'll play a key role in bringing your community together to make magic happen for children in need. Here are some examples of how you can help:
- Inspire Events: Encourage your community to host fun events like bake sales, quiz nights, family fun days, or create your own—and get everyone involved!
- Engage Your Network: Rally friends, family, schools, and workplaces to support and attend local events that fund wishes in your area.
- Partner Locally: Connect with local businesses, pubs, restaurants, and sports clubs to sponsor or host events, donate, or provide venues to help fund wishes
- Encourage Local Support: Invite local clubs, groups, companies, and organizations to choose Make-A-Wish UK as their charity of the year and help fund wishes in your community.
- Give Talks: Inspire fundraising support by giving talks at local schools, businesses, and community groups, sharing the life-changing impact of a

wish.

- Utilize social media: Use social platforms to approach societies and groups, encouraging them to fundraise for Make-A-Wish UK and support local wishes
- Make Funding Applications: Apply for local grants and funding to ensure more wishes are granted.
- Organize Cashless Collections: Team up with fellow volunteers to set up cashless collections, making it easier for everyone to donate.
- Promote Events: Spread the word through social media, posters, and word-of-mouth to build excitement and get your community involved
- Collaborate: Work with other volunteers and Make-A-Wish staff to create unforgettable experiences. Want to team up with friends? Let's do it!
- Celebrate Success: Share your milestones and stories to inspire others to join in and help make wishes come true!

The skills you need

- Confidence: Be comfortable reaching out to businesses, groups, and individuals to ask for donations, sponsorships, or other support.
- Creativity & Initiative: Come up with fresh, unique, and exciting ways to inspire your local community to get involved and support Make-A-Wish UK
- Organization: Plan, coordinate, and manage all the details of your activities to ensure everything runs smoothly and we raise as much as possible for our wish children.
- Communication: Share the Make-A-Wish mission effectively through conversations, talks, social media, and written outreach to gain support.
- Networking: Build relationships with local businesses, organizations, clubs and individuals to secure resources and increase participation.
- Teamwork: Work collaboratively with other volunteers, staff, and community members to achieve your fundraising goals.
- Adaptability: Be ready to try new approaches, tackle unexpected challenges, and think on your feet.
- Passion & Positivity: Bring enthusiasm and energy to inspire others and show your dedication to making a difference.
- Basic IT Skills: Use online tools to promote your events, manage communications, and track your progress.

What's in it for you

- Volunteering as a Community Wish Maker with Make-A-Wish UK isn't just about making dreams come true—it's a rewarding and enriching experience for you too! Here's what you'll gain:
- Make a Real Difference: You'll directly contribute to granting life-changing wishes for children and families in need.
- Build New Skills: Gain valuable experience in event planning, fundraising,

- public speaking, and networking—great for personal growth and your CV!
- **Be Part of Something Magical:** There's nothing quite like the joy of knowing your efforts helped create unforgettable moments for a child.
 - **Flexibility:** Volunteer in a way that suits your lifestyle, fitting your role around your schedule.
 - **Wellness Boost:** Feel great about giving back, with access to wellness resources and the emotional rewards of making a difference.
 - **Recognition & Support:** Join a supportive team, celebrate milestones together, and be recognized for the incredible impact you're making.
 - **By volunteering, you'll not only transform lives—you'll also grow, connect, and make memories that stay with you forever.**
 - **Before submitting your interest to become a volunteer, it's important for you to please consider the following key requirements of a Community Wish Maker Volunteer:**
 - A commitment of at least 12 months as a volunteer to align with the Wish Journey that our children go on.
 - A commitment to ensuring a safe and inclusive environment for children, including a DBS check through our preferred provider.
 - All volunteers must complete their online induction training within 12 weeks when they become a volunteer
 - Regular attendance at monthly meetings. These typically occur outside of normal business hours on a weekday evening, and are a fantastic way to meet more volunteers and see magical wish stories come to life! If you're 18 years of age or over, you're looking to be inspired and share Make-A-Wish's values of Be Magical, Be Inspiring and Be Inclusive - apply today!

Disclaimer

Make-A-Wish is committed to attracting and recruiting diverse candidates as it's important that our trustees, employees, ambassadors and volunteers reflect the communities we serve at every level within the organisation. The organisation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The relevant disclosure check will be requested where required.