
VOLUNTEERING APPLICATION FORM

WELCOME

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for enquiring about becoming a volunteer with Bridge to Unity, we could not do what we do without the help and support of our wonderful team of volunteers and we appreciate you taking the time to contact us.

There are a number of different voluntary opportunities and every single one of them helps us to carry out the work that we do. Whether you can commit to regular work or would prefer to help on a more ad-hoc basis, we are keen to hear from you.

Complete the application and equal opportunities forms

Please complete the application form included in this pack and return it to us at info@bridgetounity.co.uk

If you need the application form in another format, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do our best to help.

We do ask that all our applicants complete the attached equal opportunities form. This information will not be taken into consideration when looking at your application for voluntary work. All answers are confidential.

Provide references

We would be grateful if you could complete the references section of the application form as this will enable us to process your successful application as quickly as possible.

Get a DBS check

Please note that prior to carrying out a number of our voluntary roles, we will be required to complete a DBS check. More information about this can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/disclosure-and-barring-service>

Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time if you require more information about any of the above, or if you need assistance with the application form.

Kind Regards,

The Bridge to Unity Team

VOLUNTEERING ROLES & OPPORTUNITIES

Community Associate

We work closely with families in the community, many of whom are refugees that have been placed in housing following incredibly traumatic and stressful circumstances. These individuals can often feel isolated and unfortunately often lack support. Community Associates are matched with individuals and families and will act as a point of contact for them, visiting them twice a month to not only meet for a chat, but also to support them with any questions they may have about living in the local area and to help when needed with small errands.

Community Associates will work closely alongside our Community Outreach Director who will support you should you have any concerns. This role is flexible and can be carried out during the daytime, evening or weekends, based on a mutual agreement between both parties.

Telephone Support Associate

For some of our individuals and families, they do not require regular face-to-face contact with someone but instead benefit from a weekly phone call from one of our volunteers who can 'check-in' to not only see if they have any concerns but to provide an opportunity to develop relationships with the local community.

We ask that Telephone Support Associates commit to one phone call per week. You will be closely supported by our Community Outreach Director.

Practical Support

We understand that for many people, committing to weekly communication, be that in person or by phone, is difficult because of the commitments of busy lifestyles. However, we recognise there are a number of people who would like to offer support on a more ad-hoc basis, for example collecting groceries for a family in isolation, collecting prescriptions or driving individuals to medical appointments.

If we are approached by a family in need of the above support we would send an email to our practical support network and see if you are available to assist. Travel expenses will be reimbursed and again you will be closely supported by our Community Outreach Director.

International Support

With a number of international projects being carried out on a regular basis we are continually in need of a bank of individuals willing to travel abroad to support our work. That could be to offer logistical support such as the delivery of medical supplies or more hands-on medical support for those qualified to do so. Although these projects are less frequent, we are always keen to hear from people who wish to help.

Fundraising

Individuals interested in our fundraising activities will work closely alongside our Fundraising Co-ordinator and would offer support in organising events and other activities to generate income for our organisation.

Other

As well as the above listed activities, we regularly have a need for ad-hoc support, for example in running social media campaigns, sorting through donations and collecting donations in the community. All our voluntary roles will be closely supported by our team of committed Directors.

YOUR DETAILS 1/2

Forename(s):

Surname:

Address incl. Post Code:

Telephone (home):

Mobile:

Email:

Volunteer Opportunities

Please list the voluntary roles you would like to be considered for:

Details of your availability (days, times, number of hours per week, adhoc, etc.):

YOUR DETAILS 2/2

Are you legally allowed to carry out voluntary work in the UK?

Yes No

Employment History

Job Title & Employer

Dates of employment

Relevant Experience

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What languages do you speak? Please indicate fluency:

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Any other relevant experience and qualifications:

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EQUALITY & DIVERSITY MONITORING 1/2

1. Which of these best describes you:

A. White British English Scottish Welsh Other

If other, please specify:

B. Mixed White White & Black Caribbean White & Black African
 White & Asian Other
 Other Mixed background , please specify:

C. Asian Asian British Asian English
 Asian Scottish Asian Welsh
 Indian Pakistani
 Bangladeshi Other
 If Other Mixed background , please specify:

D. Black Black British Black English
 Black Scottish Black Welsh
 African Caribbean
 Other Black background, please specify:

E. Chinese Chinese British Chinese English
 Chinese Scottish Chinese Welsh
 Other
 Other Chinese background, please specify:

F. Arab Middle Eastern North African

G. Other/Prefer not to say Other, please specify:
 Prefer not to say

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY MONITORING 2/2

2. Gender

Male Female Non-binary Other: Prefer not to say

Other, please indicate:

3. Which best describes any religious beliefs you have?

Buddhist Christian (all denominations) Hindu Jewish
Muslim Sikh No religion Other Prefer not to say

4. Which best describes your sexual orientation?

Heterosexual Homosexual (Gay/Lesbian) Bisexual Prefer not to say

Other, please indicate:

5. Date of Birth

6. Declaration of Criminal Convictions

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence?

Yes No

If yes, please give details:

7. Disability

The Disability Discrimination Act (1995) covers any individual who has a physical or mental impairment, which has substantial long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day to day activities. You do not need to be registered disabled to be covered by the Act.

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

Yes No

If yes, please give details:

REFERENCES

We ask all of our volunteers to provide two references.

**One must be a formal reference, e.g., an employer or educational supervisor.
The second can be a friend but NOT a family member.**

We will let you know before we make contact with your referees.

Formal Reference

Name

Relationship to you

Address incl. Post Code

Telephone (home)

Mobile

Email

Personal Reference

Name

Relationship to you

Address incl. Post Code

Telephone (home)

Mobile

Email

DECLARATION

I confirm that all the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed:

Date:

Privacy

Please let us know how you would prefer the Bridge to Unity team to contact you in the future. This may be about voluntary and paid for opportunities, as well as about the work that we are doing.

Post Email Telephone SMS (Text) Prefer not to be contacted

We like to regularly update our website and social media pages with photographs and videos of what our team and volunteers have been up to. It may be that on occasion we photograph you carrying out work with us to share with our supporters or to use in marketing material.

Please let us know if you consent to us using photographs or videos of you for this purpose.

- I give my consent for Bridge to Unity to use both photographs and videos of me to promote the organisation and the work it is doing, including for example on the website, social media platforms and in other marketing campaigns and in the media.
- I do not give consent for Bridge to Unity to use photographs or videos of myself for any of the above purposes.

Signed:

Print name:

Date: