

## **Volunteer Role Description**

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Title:	Social Wellbeing Volunteer
Main purpose & overview of role	To provide a friendly, supportive environment to people over the age of sixty, encouraging social contact to help reduce isolation in the community.
Responsibilities and activities	<ul> <li>Make tea and coffee, prepare light refreshments</li> <li>Assist with various activities: Chair exercises, Quizzes, Bingo, Games, Arts and Crafts, Group discussions on varioustopics.</li> <li>Occasionally (with the coordinator), accompany clients on trips and events that are outside of the club.</li> <li>To facilitate and encourage social interaction between group members, being sensitive to different cultures and beliefs.</li> <li>To ensure that group members are involved in individual/group discussion and/or activities.</li> <li>To help in the setting up of rooms for activities, for example moving tables and chairs.</li> <li>Interactive Club: Specific Skills</li> <li>As above and to be able to interpret when necessary (Somali, Urdu, Hindi or Punjabi).</li> <li>Need to have the ability to move tables/chairs.</li> </ul>
Qualities and experience required	<ul> <li>Experience of dealing with members of the public in a professional way.</li> <li>Good interpersonal skills and be able to talk to a wide variety of people.</li> <li>Empathy and an understanding of the issues that face older people.</li> <li>Enthusiasm and reliability.</li> </ul>
A commitment to the role and time required	<ul> <li>We would like all volunteers who join Age UK Hillingdon, Harrow &amp; Brent to join with the intention of staying for at least six months.</li> <li>Attend an annual review meeting with your line manager.</li> <li>Attend occasional training relevant to this role.</li> <li>You will not undertake any form of employment (whether paid or unpaid) for any person (including Age UK HHB clients) that you have met as a result of carrying out your duties. Furthermore, you will refrain from contacting any person (including Age UK HHB clients) that you have met as a result of carrying out your duties, nor will you provide such persons with the means of contacting you directly outside</li> </ul>

	the formal means within the service.
Checks to be completed for role	A DBS check isn't required for the role
What can you expect from volunteering at Age UK Hillingdon	<ul> <li>Clearly defined voluntary role within the organisation.</li> <li>Provide induction, information and training to enable you to carry out your role effectively.</li> <li>Support your development within the role and your personal development by offering appropriate induction, training and feedback opportunities.</li> <li>Provide you with the policies, procedures and standards of the organisation in relation to volunteers.</li> <li>Provide an accessible complaints procedure.</li> <li>Provide references where needed after 6 months volunteering.</li> <li>Out of pocket expenses.</li> </ul>
Still interested?	Please contact John Rout on 020 8589 0067 or e-mail <u>JRout@ageukhhb.org.uk</u> for further details.

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