

VOLUNTEERS NEWSLETTER ISSUE 7 — JANUARY 2018

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." ~ Mahatma Ghandi

Keep Warm

As we hibernate for the Winter we reflect on the coming year and wish you all peace, health and happiness.

The Fundraising Festival last month was a huge success raising over £1000 for the charity, but more importantly raising awareness of Age UK Richmond and all the good work we do.

As our eyes and ears, you are our biggest advocates, please continue to spread the word and help us raise even more funds and awareness so that we can do even more in 2018.

Jackie Marie

Volunteer Co-ordinator, Age UK Richmond

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Email: info@ageukrichmond.org.uk

Keep your details up to date

Received this newsletter and no longer volunteer with us?

Received this newsletter by post but now have an email address?

New address / phone number /email address?

Congratulations Volunteers!

The past few months you volunteered for a magnificent 3906 hours

That's a super 325.5 hours a week!

~ THANK Y OU ~

What you say!

We love hearing about your experience of volunteering with us. Here is what you had to say in 2017..

"The IT drop-in sessions and the one-to-one sessions are a joy and it's so satisfying to share my IT skills with others. Virtually everything is simple, but only if you know how. People want help with a whole variety of issues and it usually takes very little time to resolve them. The trick is to explain things slowly and clearly so that clients can do it themselves with confidence when they are by themselves at home. I really enjoy helping." **Volunteer IT tutor**

"I enjoyed the gardening volunteering, thanks for the experience." **Gardening Volunteer**

"Age UK is a great organisation to volunteer with, it's good to be out in the community and helping people, good for the soul!" **Outings volunteer**

"It has been great fun volunteering for Age UK Richmond" **TWC Volunteer (2012 – 2017)**

"Thank you for making my volunteering experience enjoyable." **I & A volunteer**

We are always hoping to improve your volunteering experience, please share your feedback by contacting Jackie

Dates for your Diary

January

- ~ TESCO Bags of Help, vote for us all month!
- 11th ~ Outing to Aladdin at Richmond Theatre
- 13th ~ Whitton Library closes for refurbishment
- 21st ~ World Religion Day
- 27th ~ Holocaust Memorial Day

February

- ~ TESCO Bags of Help, vote for us all month!
- ~ Black History Month
- 4th ~ World Cancer Day
- 11th ~ International Day of Women and Girls in Science
- 14th ~ Valentines Day
- 20th ~ Twickenham Wellbeing Centre volunteers meeting

March

- ~ Womens History Month
- ~ UK Disability History Month
- 1st ~ International Wheelchair Day
- 8th ~ New Volunteer Induction
- 11th ~ Mothering Sunday

Volunteering Opportunities

We have lots of roles available for the New Year!



For more details and to apply:

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/richmonduponthames/get-involved/volunteer/>

or contact Jackie on:

020 8878 3451 or voluteering@ageukrichmond.org.uk



TESCO Bags of Help

Do you shop at Tesco's? Please vote for us during January and February with your little blue tokens in store to help us secure a Tesco Bags of Help grant!

See our website for details of participating stores www.ageukrichmond.org.uk

Did you know....

- we need to raise about £1.4 million every year in order to deliver the services we do
- you can help us raise funds in a number of ways, host a cake sale, using easyfundraising when online shopping, donate by text

Age UK Richmond news



Veronica Schroter.. Is the new Chair of Age UK Richmond. “I am delighted that Veronica has agreed to be the Chair of Age UK Richmond” - said Aiden Buckley, our Chief Executive Officer. “Along with the 23 years of experience within the charity sector she also has a wealth of experience in health and social care which is hugely helpful in this time of change. We know her very well, having been a long standing trustee and indeed she has been our Chair in the past. We are very fortunate to have her!”

Focus on Funding.. In addition to the fundraising festival, in recent months we have been awarded £6,000 to update the IT suite at TWC by the Village Planning Fund, £5,080 to Community Services by the L & Q Foundation, £40,000 for a 1-year scams prevention project called Be SAFE - Scams And Fraud Education awarded by Age UK National, £3,000 to BGC by Gibson Charitable Trust, £12,000 to BGC from St. Paul’s Junior School and £2,650 raised for BGC from the recent fashion show. In addition if you choose us as your local cause at Co-op Supermarkets, we will earn funds from bag sales and from the local community fund, which could be up to £3,500. And of course, please vote for us at Tesco's using your blue tokens in store to help us get a Tesco Bags of Help grant!

Are you planning a special fundraising event for AUK RuT? Or have an idea? Let us know!

Your questions, answered...

Why do we collect your volunteering hours?.. Aside from having this astounding information on hand to share with you all, these hours are considered ‘added value’ and directly translate to £££! This means we can say for every £1 a funder gives us we give, say, £3 worth of service. We can also use this for match-funding purposes by saying we already have, perhaps, £10,000 (in volunteer hours) can the funder give us £10,000 to match it to cover other costs of service.

Volunteer Views “It was our pleasure (to volunteer at the Christmas parties) – we had such a great time at these events (as always) and would love to continue to be a part of them in 2018 and beyond!” **Paypal Volunteer**

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