



Community Action Project

Research Volunteer

Community Action Partner

Circle Support Volunteering

Aim: The research volunteer will conduct and provide research that will help shape exciting new projects that enhance and supplement the delivery of services to older people across London and beyond and also support the development of an older people's strategy.

Role: A wide range of research activities that might include:

- researching other organisations in the Voluntary and Public Sector specifically supporting Older People and any relevant development work in which they are involved; locally, regionally and nationally;
- researching into Local Authorities, compiling a library of their key strategic documents relating to Older People, demographics, housing need and other related issues; and identifying the key teams and personnel responsible for delivering these strategies;
- researching the use of Assistive Technology/Telecare equipment in supporting older people to remain in their own home, including any publicised focus group studies;
- researching the nutritional requirements of older people and the linkages with catering facilities attached to supported housing for older people;
- researching successful models of support services for older people and intermediate care attached to supported housing for older people; research that would shape the development of key preventative services; particularly in relation to falls prevention, reducing hospital admissions and supports early hospital discharge.

Training: Volunteers receive a thorough induction and have access to any relevant in-house and external training. Volunteers also have a named supervisor providing day-to-day support and encouragement.

Location: Islington, London

Times: Between 4 and 12 hours per week across 1 or 2 days; Monday to Friday daytime. They hope for at least 4 months commitment.

CRB: A CRB disclosure is not required for this role.

Other: Reasonable travel and lunch expenses will be reimbursed.

Application: All volunteers must be registered as Community Action volunteers. To do so, visit <http://www.rhul.ac.uk/services/volunteering/register.html>



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