

School Speaker Scheme Volunteer

Role Description

Team: Operation
Main contact: Mai Seida

About Diabetes UK

As the UK's leading diabetes charity, our mission is that by bringing people together to work in partnership, we will support those living with diabetes, prevent Type 2 diabetes, make research breakthroughs, and ultimately find a cure.

About the Speaker Scheme role

School Speaker volunteers give talks and presentations on behalf of Diabetes UK to school students and occasionally school staff, in their local communities to raise awareness of Type 1 diabetes in schools.

Speakers will also promote our children's and schools campaigns: 4T's, Make the Grade and Type 1 essentials as appropriate and provide literature to schools.

Main tasks and activities

- Attend a school speaker volunteer training session to learn more about diabetes and Diabetes UK and help develop your presentation skills.
- To approach Schools and the Local Education Authorities to promote the role.
- To deliver talks, which are adapted to an age appropriate level where necessary, to students and be willing to deliver talks to teachers, in your local area, if requested.
- Present in a friendly and enthusiastic manner and represent Diabetes UK in a professional manner.
- Answer general queries and direct any medical or other specific questions to Diabetes UK or healthcare professionals.
- To maintain regular contact with the regional office.

About you

We are looking for people who are:

- Experience of working with children either professionally or in a voluntary capacity
- Confident at speaking to groups of children

- Good communication and listening skills
- Enthusiastic and proactive
- Ability to work using own initiative
- Time to deliver at least one talk every other month
- A commitment to support the work of Diabetes UK and represent Diabetes UK in a positive way
- A willingness to attend all briefings and trainings related to your role
- Willing to have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check
- Knowledge of diabetes would be an advantage

What Diabetes UK can offer you?

- The opportunity to contribute to an important area of work which aims to better support children living with diabetes at school.
- Information and materials to help you carry out your role effectively
- Recognition of the role that you are carrying out in support of Diabetes UK
- Guidance, support and training
- An opportunity to feedback about the work that you do
- Reimbursement of agreed out of pocket expenses incurred while carrying out activities on behalf of Diabetes UK e.g. travel and lunch.

Timescales (e.g. hours, day or length of volunteering role)

You will need to:

- Attend a school speaker training session, these are run from our Epsom office and take place over one day.
- Complete at least one talk every other month. Most talks will last for 30 minutes to 1 hour. You are able to fit the talks around your existing commitments.
- Source opportunities and promote yourself locally.
- Keep up-to-date with Diabetes UK safeguarding policies and training.
- Commit to the role for at least one year.

How to apply and next steps

For chat about the role and filling in the application form, please contact Mai Seida, the volunteer coordinator in south east region at mai.seida@diabetes.org.uk or south.east@diabetes.org.uk