



Hello,

As the main contact for your local group, we are writing to you with important updates. We need you to pass this message on to your committee and people that visit your group, where relevant, to make sure your group is kept informed.

The Volunteer Development Team

Updates

Annual returns

Thank you for completing your annual returns for 2017. The information you provided is being processed and we can already see substantial funds donated towards our work and research projects. Thank you for all your hard work and continued support. To find out more about how the money you've raised is making a difference, please have a look at our website: www.diabetes.org.uk/get_involved/ways-to-donate/how-your-money-helps

Inspire Awards 2018 – nominations opened

Do you know a volunteer that deserves recognition for going the extra mile to make a difference to people living with diabetes? Nominate them for an Inspire Award. Please note we are no longer accepting nominations for volunteers based in London. For all other regions, the deadline for nominations is Friday 13 April. Nominate now: www.diabetes.org.uk/get_involved/inspire-awards or contact your local volunteering team for a paper nomination form.

Conferences and networking days

Sign up to your local conference and catch up with other volunteers, share stories and find out what has been happening in your area. Sign up now: www.diabetes.org.uk/get_involved/volunteer/conferences or contact your local volunteering team for further information.

Join the Grants Advisory Panel

Would you like to contribute to our research? There is an opportunity to join our Grants Advisory Panel and help ensure that the research we fund is relevant and important to people living with diabetes. The Grants Advisory Panel members will get the opportunity to take part in:

- Helping ensure that the views of people living with diabetes are considered when deciding on which research applications to fund
- Discussing the research applications we receive at meetings of the Grants Advisory Panel
- Representing the views of people living with diabetes at our Research committee.

For more information and for a copy of the role description, please contact Manuela Volta (Manuela.Volta@diabetes.org.uk) or call 02074241866.



Make a splash with Swim22

Grab your goggles, head to your local pool and take on the swimming challenge of the year. Every length you complete and every pound you raise will get us closer to our vision of a world where diabetes can do no harm. You can register on the website (https://www.diabetes.org.uk/get_involved/fundraising-events/swim22) or call your local fundraiser on 0843 123 2399.

Free Wills Month this March

Our supporter Mary has pledged through Free Wills Month, "I'd vaguely thought about leaving a gift in my Will to Diabetes UK, and after seeing that they were part of the Free Wills Month, it urged me to do so." Have your Will written or amended for free by visiting the Free Wills Month website (<https://freewillsmoonth.org.uk/>).

Let's keep in touch

Do you want someone else to act as main contact? Get in touch with your [local volunteering team](#) so we can update your details.