



Type 1 Events

General Volunteer Role Description

Team: Type 1 Events Team

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 Type 1 Events Family Weekenders

Type 1 Family Weekenders offer a unique three-day experience for children, young people and their families. The parents have their own programme where they can meet other parents, share concerns and gain confidence and insight from our experienced volunteers. The children and young people have the opportunity to enjoy activities away from their parents, often for the first time, in a safe and fun environment. Plus the siblings of the children with Type 1 have the opportunity to share their experiences with other siblings.

About the General Volunteer role

General volunteers play a big part in making sure our events run smoothly, everyone has fun and stays safe. You'll be in a team with healthcare professional (HCP) volunteers as well as other general volunteers who are often people living with or affected by Type 1 diabetes.

You'll be involved with the supervision and care of the children with Type 1 and their siblings while they are away from their parents doing fun activities. HCP volunteers are also on hand to supervise the children's diabetes management.

Main tasks and activities

- Supervise and monitor the children, when they are away from their parents, prioritising their safety and welfare and ensuring they are all accounted for at all times
- Reinforce good diabetes practice as set out in the Diabetes UK guidelines
- Be available to help support the children with their general needs
- Help create a fun, empowering atmosphere during the weekend
- Direct parents to members of the HCP team if they have queries or concerns of a medical nature
- Support the HCP volunteers by helping with blood glucose testing or treating hypos (when asked to do so by a qualified HCP if happy to do so)
- Attend daily briefing meetings organised by the Event Organiser onsite and disseminate information as necessary
- Complete relevant online training modules as prescribed by Diabetes UK, prior to the event
- Arrive by 12.00pm on the Friday of the event in order to complete the pre-event training and induction
- Follow all Type 1 events procedures including safeguarding procedures
- Get involved and have fun!



About you

We are looking for people who are:

- Ideally have the knowledge and experience that comes with living with or being affected by Type 1 diabetes
- Happy to work as part of a team
- Confident to help supervise a group of children and young people, and able to take responsibility
- Able to multi task and manage the pressure that can come when supervising a group of children and young people
- Enthusiastic and enjoy empowering children and young people.

What Diabetes UK can offer you?

- The opportunity to be part of the Type 1 Events programme giving children, young people and families time and space to gain confidence, share experiences and realise they're not alone. Support from the Diabetes UK Type 1 Events Team, clear volunteer guidelines and specific event training including safeguarding, diabetes management and your role at the event.
- The opportunity to develop new skills
- Reimbursement of reasonable travel costs to and from the event venue
- All food and accommodation during the event

How to apply and next steps

Please apply by completing the application form [here](#).

Volunteers are selected on the basis of the application form and a value-based interview. Satisfactory references and criminal records check will also be required.

Once your application has been reviewed you will be invited to a Volunteer Recruitment Session where you will have a 30 minute interview, as well as the chance to learn more about volunteering and meet some experienced volunteers.

Then, once accepted, get ready to take on your event. It's going to be a lot of fun.

If you have any questions, please contact the Type 1 Events team at type1events@diabetes.org.uk