



your voice your rights your choice

Role	RPR Volunteer
Supported by	Head of Service/Volunteer Manager
Contract type	This is a Volunteering Position
Location	London

About The Advocacy Project

We help marginalised and vulnerable people make effective choices about what happens in their lives. We also support them to speak up and help improve important services we all need. We want to make sure people across all age and care groups – including learning disability and mental health – can:

- › voice their concerns
- › understand their rights
- › make effective choices about what happens in their lives

We do this through advocacy services which support people individually, and user involvement projects that help organisations improve the services they offer. Find out more about us at www.advocacyproject.org.uk

We welcome applications from people with transferrable skills and qualities, and people with diverse employment histories and personal backgrounds.

About the role

The Advocacy Project are offering a brilliant opportunity to volunteer and do something that will really make a difference to people's lives.

We need volunteers to join our incredible team to help support vulnerable people in care homes, helping to make sure their voices are heard and their rights up upheld.

Our vision

A world in which every person has a voice

Our mission

To enable every person to have their voice heard, uphold their rights and make choices

As a volunteer you'll start by providing Relevant Persons Representative (RPR) support in care homes with opportunities to train up for different types of advocacy. Setting the jargon aside this just means you'll be a non-judgemental, consistent and supportive presence for someone who may have no one else to look out for them. We'll support you every step of the way and work with you to make sure you gain the skills and confidence you need to thrive in the roll.

What is a Relevant Persons Representative (RPR)?

Volunteer RPRs work to empower individuals in care homes, standing up for their rights, advocating for their needs and making sure they are listened to. They listen, advocate and look out for people who are unable to speak up for themselves.

Many of us know the feeling of disempowerment when you have no one to speak up for you, and just imagine not being able to speak up for yourself. As an RPR support volunteer with The Advocacy Project, you have the opportunity to help vulnerable people speak up for their needs. You will...

- visit people in care homes, ensuring they receive the right care and support
- Talk with people about their feelings, thoughts, and wishes—because every voice deserves to be heard.
- Flags concerns, making sure no detail goes unnoticed.
- You'll take notes and keep systems updated so we can keep track of people's situations.
- Your impact is tangible, transforming lives one caring conversation at a time.

What do you need to volunteer?

You don't need any qualifications to be an RPR volunteer for The Advocacy Project. We will provide all the training and support you need. There will other opportunities to train in other types of advocacy which could lead to paid community rolls.

When can you volunteer?

Hours can be exceptionally flexible and discussed.

Who can volunteer?

If you live in or near London and you're over 18 you can volunteer for us.

Where would I be working?

Contact us directly and we can discuss the opportunities we have for you and their locations.

Helpful skills include:

The main skills we need are empathy and emotional intelligence. If you can listen, understand and make sure what's been said to you is noted and passed on you can do this job.

You will also need:

- The ability to travel
- Great communication skills (written and verbal)
- Skills in Microsoft Word and Salesforce (or a willingness to learn the basics)
- An ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Complete our short form and we'll get back to you to discuss how you can

How to apply

Send your CV and a supporting statement explaining why you think you're the person we're looking for and how your experience meets the person specification and send to our volunteer manager Ibrahim.ali@theadvocacyproject.org

Volunteer for The Advocacy Project and make a difference to people's lives today!

"Volunteering to support people in my community has not only helped me build my skills and confidence, I can see it has made a difference to people's lives. It's a rare opportunity to do that."

