

Versus Arthritis

Volunteer Role Profile

Young People's Involvement in Research Volunteer (Expert in Residence)

Time Commitment: Attendance at monthly Your Rheum meetings and annual BANNAR members meetings
Suggested minimum commitment 2 years (but must be diagnosed before 24th birthday and under 30 years of age)

Staff Contact: Young People and Families Manager

How you will make a difference

The Expert in Residence role supports Your Rheum project leads in the involvement of adolescents and young adults (aged 11-24) who have been diagnosed with a rheumatic condition - in rheumatology research.

Your Rheum's purpose is to provide young people with a voice in shaping research related to adolescent and young adult rheumatology. They advise, input and help shape research projects.

What you will be doing

- Support the advertisement and advocacy of Your Rheum and its activities
- Support Your Rheum social media channels by posting stories of your experience with Your Rheum
- Support the co-facilitation of the Your Rheum online meetings
- Attend and input into the Your Rheum leadership meeting each year
- Feed into BANNAR (Barbara Ansell National Network for Adolescent Rheumatology – focused on supporting research and improving care for young adults with rheumatic conditions) - young person involvement activities, including advising on recruitment strategies and supporting activity design and evaluation work
- Attend at least one BANNAR members meeting per year.

Where you will be doing it

- Nationwide
- Virtual and face to face.

Who we are looking for

- Is a member of the Your Rheum alumni (or can be within 6 months of leaving Your Rheum but will become a member of the alumni)
- Has a diagnosed rheumatic condition
- Has recent experience of involvement in adolescent and young adult rheumatology research
- Is passionate about meaningful involvement of young people in research
- Has good written and oral communication skills, particularly with young people
- Has good organisational skills with a flexible approach and the ability to work independently but with supervision.

What you will get in return

- Training and induction to prepare you for your role plus access to wider training opportunities
- Ongoing support and supervision from your staff contact to ensure you can fully participate and enjoy the experience
- Reimbursement of reasonable expenses (for attending meetings).

Important Information

Versus Arthritis is committed to protecting children, young people, and vulnerable adults from harm. As part of our recruitment process, we follow safer recruitment practices and carry out the necessary checks to ensure candidates are suitable to volunteer with these groups. Completion of safeguarding training will also be required at the start of your volunteering.

For this role, our safer recruitment procedures include:

- An informal chat to discuss the role, get to know you and understand your motivations for volunteering
- Two references
- An enhanced criminal record check – including Children and Adult Barring Lists or Protection of Vulnerable Groups scheme in Scotland. This requires three identification documents e.g. Passport, driving licence and formal documentation with your address.
- Photo identification.

Ready to join us?

We'd love to hear from you!

Let's **make a difference together.**

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