

Role description: “Neuro Voices” Advisory Group Member

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About The Brain & Spine Foundation

We are a charity with a mission to improve the quality of life of people affected by neurological problems, through expert support, information and education.

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Neuro Voices is an advisory group representing lived experience of neurological problems. It advises the charity on the needs of our community and the impact of our work. The aim of Neuro Voices is to put the people we support, and all people with neurological problems, at the heart of our decision making.

As a member of Neuro Voices you will use your experiences to inform our work, to guide us on our priorities, and to ensure that what we are doing will make a real difference to people’s lives. We take this seriously, and commit to reviewing and improving the role of the group on an ongoing basis.

Members’ responsibilities

The group will use its collective voice to advise on the relevance, impact, and reputational considerations of planned and ongoing activity, such as:

- Developments or updates of corporate strategy
- Transformational programmes and projects in digital and service delivery.
- Strategic communications or fundraising campaigns
- Initiatives to inspire a community of individuals united under the banner of improving the lives of people with neurological problems.
- Appointment of senior leadership roles in the charity.

General tasks

- Work with the other members of the Group to form an effective advisory body for the charity

- Attend meetings and read papers in advance of the meetings
- Participate in other tasks that arise from time to time, such as appeals and fundraising
- Stay informed about the activities of the charity and wider issues which affect our work
- Act as an Ambassador for the Brain & Spine Foundation and our mission.

Time Commitment

Meetings are held up to 4 times a year in our London office or by video conference. In addition, group members will be invited on occasions to attend Board of Trustee meetings, or we may ask you to provide advice to the staff and to contribute your experience to projects.

Skills & experience needed

The most important quality you can bring to the role is a direct experience of living with, or caring for someone with, a neurological condition. You will also need to be committed to our charity's mission and values, and willing to devote the necessary time and effort. Readiness to speak your mind is essential, as is a willingness to compromise and make collective decisions.

What we offer in return

As a member of Neuro Voices you will shape the direction of work that supports thousands of people every year. You will gain experience of charity governance, collective decision making, and strategic advice. And you will be joining a small but energetic charity that is determined to improve lives.

We will also reimburse reasonable out of pocket expenses.

Equal opportunities

The Brain & Spine Foundation has an equal opportunities policy that extends to volunteers. We recognise the positive benefits a diverse volunteer pool can bring to our charity and are committed to ensuring our recruitment and selection procedure reflects this. In engaging volunteers, the Foundation recognises the rights of volunteers to be free from discrimination and expect volunteers not to discriminate against other volunteers, staff, users and others associated with the Foundation.