

**School Speaker Scheme Volunteer**

**Role Description**

**Team:** **Local volunteering 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 the Speaker Scheme role**

School Speaker volunteers give talks and presentations on behalf of Diabetes UK to school students and occasionally school staff, in their local communities to raise awareness of Type 1 diabetes in schools.

Speakers will also promote our children’s and schools campaigns: 4T’s, Make the Grade and

Type 1 essentials as appropriate and provide literature to schools.

**Main tasks and activities**

* Attend a school speaker volunteer training session to learn more about diabetes and Diabetes UK and help develop your presentation skills.
* To approach Schools and the Local Education Authorities to promote the role.
* To deliver talks, which are adapted to an age appropriate level where necessary, to students and be willing to deliver talks to teachers, in your local area, if requested.
* Present in a friendly and enthusiastic manner and represent Diabetes UK in a professional manner.
* Answer general queries and direct any medical or other specific questions to Diabetes UK or healthcare professionals.
* To maintain regular contact with the regional office.

**About you**

**We are looking for people who are:**

* Experience of working with children either professionally or in a voluntary capacity
* Confident at speaking to groups of children

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* + Good communication and listening skills
  + Enthusiastic and proactive
  + Ability to work using own initiative
* Time to deliver at least one talk every other month
* A commitment to support the work of Diabetes UK and represent Diabetes UK in a positive way
  + A willingness to attend all briefings and trainings related to your role

* + Knowledge of diabetes would be an advantage

**What Diabetes UK can offer you?**

* The opportunity to contribute to an important area of work which aims to better support children living with diabetes at school.
* Information and materials to help you carry out your role effectively
* Recognition of the role that you are carrying out in support of Diabetes UK Guidance, support and training
* An opportunity to feedback about the work that you do
* Reimbursement of agreed out of pocket expenses incurred while carrying out activities on behalf of Diabetes UK e.g. travel and lunch.

**How to apply and next steps**

For chat about the role and filling in the application form, please contact your local volunteering team.

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