

Macmillan Cancer Champion - Role Profile

Location: Throughout Lewisham

Organisation: Age UK Lewisham and Southwark

Reporting and supported by: Volunteer Coordinator

What is this role?

Cancer Champions help raise awareness about cancer and local support services. You will have friendly, everyday conversations that help people affected by cancer feel informed, supported, and less alone.

This role is about connecting people to help, reducing stigma, and encouraging positive steps towards better health and wellbeing.

Some of the things you may do:

- Talk with people about cancer awareness and local support
- Encourage early action and help people find services
- Listen with care and respect
- Help reduce myths and stigma around cancer
- Support or attend local events
- Share information through community networks or social media

You can do this in ways that suit you, for example in your workplace, social groups, or local community.

What's in it for you? (The benefits)

As a Cancer Champion, you will:

- Make a real and visible difference in your community
- Gain confidence and satisfaction from helping others
- Build valuable skills in communication, listening, and networking
- Receive free training and ongoing support
- Learn more about cancer, health, and wellbeing
- Meet new people and feel part of a friendly, supportive team
- Gain experience that can support future volunteering or employment
- Receive recognition for your contribution
- Have agreed out-of-pocket expenses reimbursed

What do you need?

You don't need professional experience. We're looking for people who are:

- Caring, compassionate, and trustworthy
- Good listeners and communicators
- Non-judgemental and respectful of different backgrounds and lifestyles

Training and support

You will receive an induction, training, and regular personalised support from the Volunteer Coordinator to help you feel confident and supported in your role.

Who can apply?

- Anyone aged 18 or over who lives, works or accesses healthcare in Lewisham and has been affected in some way by cancer.

How to get involved

It starts with a friendly, informal conversation, no pressure and no commitment, to talk about your interests and how this role could work for you.