Student Champion Welcome Pack

Thank you for registering as a Student Champion at Marie Curie. This welcome pack is designed to support you in your first few weeks as a volunteer, giving you some top tips to help you in your role. We can't wait for you to get started!

A big thank you

"Welcome to the Marie Curie community. Can I start by saying the biggest thank you to you for taking on your role of Student Champion at Marie Curie.

Volunteers play such an important part in our journey at Marie Curie, and we really wouldn't be able to achieve the great things we do without people like you. For that, can I take this opportunity to welcome you and promise you that we truly value the precious commodity you are offering, your time.

I really hope that you enjoy the role you are taking on and look forward to hearing all about the impact you are making in your local community for Marie Curie.

Thank you, and good luck. We couldn't achieve our ambitions without you."

Richard Scott, Head of National Volunteering



Your role and responsibilities

In your new role, you'll be supporting Marie Curie by helping to build awareness of our charity at your university. You'll be acting as the voice of Marie Curie on your campus and spreading the messages of our work, such as through promoting our campaigns, encouraging clubs or societies to fundraise or by sharing our services with other students.

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Our top tips for getting started:

- Now is a good time to start thinking about what exactly you would like to get involved with in your role. From fundraising, raising awareness through sharing leaflets, or teaming up with a sports club or society to run an event, there are lots of ways to get involved. Jot down a few ideas ready to discuss with your Volunteer Manager, who will be able to give you some more local advice.
- We recommend getting out and about on campus to start spreading the word and sharing more information on your new role and what you will be doing.
- Now is also a good time to start your own research on what is going on at your university and think about how you might be able to promote Marie Curie to other students. For example, starting with your Students Union (if your university has one) to see what fundraising activity has been going on recently might be a good first step, or seeing what support is currently available at your Student Services (if your university has one).

Key information for your role

- Each year, you'll be asked to complete your Volunteer Mandatory Training, which involves reading our training materials. This is just to ensure you are well equipped to undertake the role. This will only be needed if you continue your role as a Student Champion for a second year.
- Your Volunteer Manager will be able to support with ordering any resources you need on campus, such as leaflets, booklets or banners.
- As a volunteer, you are encouraged to claim any reasonable out of pocket expenses during the course of your volunteering. Your Volunteer Manager will go through this with you in your induction.

Key resources

Here are a few of the different resources that will come in useful for you in your role:

- **Fundraising Volunteer Resource Hub** – this is our online area for Fundraising Volunteers which contains lots of helpful information and all the forms you'll need. There is also a role-specific section for Student Champions like you.
- **Fundraising ideas** – here you'll find lots of fundraising ideas and all the inspiration you'll need to support students with raising money for Marie Curie and to help get you started.

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Hear from one of our volunteers



"After losing my mother, volunteering with Marie Curie has been a fulfilling blend of giving back to a cause close to my heart and personal growth. Their encouragement has emboldened me to go above and beyond my role as a Student Champion."

Erika Huartos-Castaneda, Student Champion at LSE

Next steps

In the coming weeks, we will be in contact to organise your induction with you. Your induction will go into more detail on your role to help you feel fully informed before starting.

Please reach out to your Volunteer Manager if you have any questions in the meantime. You can also contact the Fundraising Volunteering Team: **FRVolunteering@mariecurie.org.uk**.

We look forward to hearing about the impact you have in your local community for Marie Curie in the future. Thank you, and good luck!

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