



Relay For Life General Committee Member Role Profile

Why we need you

Cancer Research UK Relay For Life celebrates the power of community fundraising in the fight to beat cancer. Teams of friends and family fundraise for life-saving research, then unite as a community to honour everyone who has been affected by cancer and celebrate the progress made in research.

The event is focused on a relay where team members take turns completing an activity, whether that be walking laps of a track, through a park or some other challenge, to show that step by step, we're beating cancer. Every Relay For Life includes games and music from local performers, and a Candle of Hope ceremony to give us a moment to reflect and honour everyone affected by cancer.

The activities you organise at Relay will help to raise cancer awareness in your community. Your role will be to play an active and integral part of the committee, helping to ensure a successful Relay For Life season.

What will I be doing?

- Helping the committee to plan and deliver the Relay For Life season in your local area, and ensure a successful event.
- Looking for creative ways to engage people at the Relay.
- Collaborating with members of your committee so that together all tasks are covered.
- Championing the work of Cancer Research UK in your local area.
- Helping to recruit new members for teams and gain support from local businesses for the Relay event.

What skills do I need?

- You should have excellent organisational skills.
- You should feel confident talking to new people, with the ability to 'sell' Relay For Life.

- You should be able to use resources available to you efficiently – both people and materials.
- You should have a ‘can-do’ attitude and have the personal dedication necessary to deliver a successful Relay.
- You do not need to be an expert in cancer research or cancer prevention. However, a healthy interest in physical wellbeing and a desire to encourage positive healthy habits in others is important.
- You need to be able to plan and coordinate activities but be flexible enough to adapt them at the last minute, if needed.
- Being IT literate would be an advantage as the messages you deliver should be by Cancer Research UK and current. Our website is the best place to get this up-to-date information.

How much time do I need to commit?

You’ll be expected to attend all Relay For Life committee meetings (these will probably be monthly and then weekly as the Relay gets closer). You will also need to be at the Relay event from start to finish.

What support will I be given?

You will be part of a dynamic and supportive Relay committee. The committee will be supported by a Relationship Manager (a local Cancer Research UK representative). Your Relationship Manager will provide you with guidance, templates and resources to help you promote your fundraising activities and will be the committee’s key point of contact to answer any questions.

What benefits can I expect?

As a member of the committee, you will play a major part in bringing your community together in a safe environment to unite against cancer and the money raised will help Cancer Research UK beat cancer, which can be extremely rewarding.

You’ll play a major part in bringing key cancer prevention and awareness messages to your community and will thereby help Cancer Research UK achieve one of its key objectives – to reduce the number of people getting cancer. The Relay itself is also a lot of fun and a great way to meet and make friends with people in your community!

Where will I be based?

Many of the organisational aspects of this role can be completed from home, although attending committee meetings and spreading the word about Relay For Life may require being ‘out and about’ in the community.

Every Relay, every team, every Survivor and every pound raised is helping bring about a world where everybody lives longer, better lives free from the fear of cancer.