



Relay For Life Survivorship Chair Role Profile

Why we need you

Cancer Research UK is seeking a committed individual to lead Survivorship activity for their community's Relay For Life. The opening Lap of Honour for cancer survivors is a celebration of life and a uniquely empowering experience for those living with cancer. A capable and compassionate individual is needed to invite survivors, coordinate their activities on Relay day and provide opportunities for survivors to meet throughout the year.

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.

Anyone who has lived with cancer is invited to join a Relay as their guest of honour. This includes those newly diagnosed, those undergoing therapy for cancer as well as those who have been successfully treated.

What will I be doing?

- Recruiting a sub-committee to work with you on Survivorship.
- Identifying and inviting cancer survivors to attend the Relay as guests of honour.
- Creating a network of cancer survivors linked to the Relay and making those survivors aware of Cancer Research UK's activity and cancer information services, as well as the Relay event.
- Planning and coordinating activities for survivors at the Relay, in particular the Lap of Honour and reception.
- Engaging survivors before and after the Relay.
- You will be a representative of Cancer Research UK and as such will uphold the vision and purpose of the organisation at all times

What skills do I need?

- Ideally, you will be a cancer survivor, but this is not essential. If you feel a connection with cancer survivors then this could be the role for you. You will need to have sensitivity and compassion towards survivors and their concerns.
- A basic understanding of what cancer is and the different types of cancer that exist
- Confident of approaching groups and individuals to explain what Relay is and how they can be involved.
- Creative approach to plan and coordinate activities

- You should be IT literate and ideally have access to a computer.

How much time do I need to commit?

You will need to start actively recruiting/inviting cancer survivors as soon as you can prior to the Relay and attend all Relay For Life committee meetings (these will probably be monthly and then weekly as the Relay approaches). You will need to respond to ad hoc enquiries from survivors about the Relay and arrange follow-up activities after the Relay with Survivors who have attended.

What support will I be given?

As well as being part of an enthusiastic and supportive Relay For Life committee, you will have access to a dedicated Cancer Research UK staff contact with whom you can liaise (via your Event Chair) should you have any queries.

What benefits can I expect?

Research has shown that the more survivors there are at a Relay For Life, the more successful the event is. You will be playing a major part in raising money to help beat cancer and bringing survivors together to share their experiences with each other and with the community. 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?

This role will certainly get you out and about! You will be the hub connecting the cancer survivors within your community and, although some of the work can be done from home (emailing, writing letters and phoning), you can't underestimate the value of meeting survivors face-to-face explaining how important they are to the event and inspiring them to become involved with Relay.

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.