



## Street Aid Champion – volunteer role description

### What does Cambridge Street Aid do?

Cambridge Street Aid helps people on the streets to turn a corner. We raise a fund from which people who are homeless can apply for grants to help them get off, and stay off, the streets. We are looking for volunteers to help us help more people on the streets of Cambridge.

### What do Street Aid Champions do?

Street Aid Champions are volunteers who hold fundraising events in their workplace, university or local community. These can be small events, such as bake sales or dress-down days; or bigger events, such as getting a team together to do a sponsored run or cycle ride, or holding a music event. Champions decide what kind of events work for them, and choose how often to hold events.

Champions are also Street Aid ambassadors. They tell people about Street Aid and promote what we do, including on social media if they are active online.

### Could you be a Street Aid Champion?

We are looking for people who are:

- **Passionate** about helping people on the streets to turn a corner.
- Able to use **initiative** and **creativity** to plan, promote and deliver events.
- Able to **work well in a team**.
- **Reliable** so others can trust you will do what you say.

We are looking for people who have:

- Good **organisational skills**.
- Strong **people skills** and the ability to **communicate** with people from all walks of life.
- **Event-planning** skills or experience – but this is not essential.
- **Social media** knowledge or experience – but this is not essential.

Whilst we have listed the skills we are most looking for from Champions, we want everyone to feel they can volunteer for Street Aid. We are very happy to discuss your skills and interests with you to explore how you can volunteer with us.

We are looking for people who have a lot or a little time to give – it is up to each Champion how much time they volunteer with Street Aid.

## What will you get in return?

Volunteering with Street Aid will give you the chance to make a positive difference to the lives of people living on the streets of Cambridge.

As a Champion you will meet like-minded people and become a part of the Street Aid team.

You will also have the chance to gain or develop your skills in team work, event management and promotion, and online communications.

### Time credits

Street Aid Champions can claim [time credits](#) as a reward for giving their time. Time credits can be spent on accessing activities and venues in Cambridge and further afield. They can be exchanged for a variety of things, from exercise classes to cinema and theatre tickets.

You can find out more about time credits, including where they can be spent, on the time credits website: <https://timecredits.com/>.

### Expenses

We offer out-of-pocket expenses to our volunteers, including travel expenses to and from training, events and meetings.

### References

If you volunteer with us for at least three months we will be happy to provide you with a reference for paid or voluntary work.

## What training and support do we offer?

We are committed to training our volunteers so everyone has the knowledge and skills they need to contribute to what we do at Street Aid. We are also committed to giving our Champions the ongoing support they need to feel confident in their volunteering.

Champions will be managed by Street Aid's Volunteer Coordinator who will run group training and supervision sessions, and be available to provide 1:1 support as needed.

### Induction training

New Champions will attend one half-day group training session within a few months of being recruited. The session will include:

- What Street Aid does – our mission and key messages
- Running a successful fundraising event – ideas, materials, and top tips
- Digital champions – how to promote Street Aid online.

We will hold these sessions in Cambridge at a venue that is most convenient for our attendees.

We will ensure new Champions have copies of key policies including on health and safety, equality and diversity, and safeguarding.

### **Fundraising packs**

Champions will receive a fundraising pack to help them with running their events. These will include:

- ideas for different types of events
- tips on promoting the event, including template posters, flyers and press releases
- how to hand in the money raised.

### **Group supervision**

We hold group supervision sessions for volunteers every few months, where volunteers can get together, share their experiences and get any support they need. These sessions will also be used to give volunteers updates on Street Aid's work and to provide additional training as needed.

### **Volunteer socials**

We will also hold socials a couple of times a year so volunteers can get together to share ideas and socialise.

If this sounds like the volunteer role for you, we want to hear from you!

### **How can you apply to be a Street Aid Champion?**

To become a Street Aid Champion simply fill in our [application form](#) to tell us what skills, knowledge and experience you can bring to the role. We ask for two references from people who have known you for at least 12 months. It should take no more than 15 minutes.

We aim to get back to you within one month of receiving your application, and if you are suitable for the role we will arrange an informal interview where we can find out more about you and you can find out more about the role.

**If you have any questions**, please contact **Jo Davies-Warner**, Volunteer Coordinator at Cambridge Street Aid.

You can contact Jo by email on [Josephine.Davies-Warner@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:Josephine.Davies-Warner@cambridge.gov.uk) or by phone on **01223 457959** or **07546 512 844**.

We look forward to hearing from you!