

Volunteer Role:

Community Fundraising Volunteer

Thank you for your interest in becoming a volunteer with Children First. We are delighted that you are considering offering your time and energy to help improve the lives of Scotland's children, young people and families.

About Children First

Children First is Scotland's national children's charity. We stand up for every child because all children should have a safe childhood. We protect children from harm and support them to recover from trauma and abuse through our national and local services. We help children, their families and the people that care for them by offering emotional, practical, and financial support. We give children hope and a safer, brighter future.

About the service/department

The Community Fundraising and Events Team plays a vital role in generating voluntary income to support Children First's work with children, young people and families across Scotland. Through community fundraising, challenge events, supporter-led initiatives and bespoke fundraising activities, the team builds meaningful relationships with individuals, groups, schools, businesses and volunteers who choose to support the charity.

What will I be doing?

As a Community Fundraising Volunteer, you'll play a vital role in connecting local businesses with Children First's mission to keep children safe, loved and supported. By building relationships in the community, managing collection can locations and raising awareness of our work, you'll help generate essential income and inspire people to support children and families across Scotland. Every conversation, collection and connection helps create brighter futures for children. In this role you will:

- Be a friendly and visible ambassador for Children First in your community, inspiring local businesses to support children and families across Scotland.
- Get out and about visiting local businesses, collecting donations, refreshing fundraising materials and ensuring collection cans are well maintained and ready to make the biggest impact.
- Build positive relationships with business owners and staff, helping them feel valued and connected to the difference their support makes.
- Help grow our community fundraising by identifying new locations for collection cans and encouraging more businesses to get involved.
- Chat with local shops, cafés and businesses, either in person or over the phone, sharing the Children First story and showing how their support helps children and families thrive.
- Safely transport collected cans to the Children First Edinburgh office, helping turn community generosity into meaningful support for children and families.

How much time will I need to give?

Just a few hours of your time each month can help make a real difference for children and families across Scotland. We're looking for volunteers who can commit around 6 hours a month for at least a year.

With 27 collection can locations across Edinburgh, East Lothian and Midlothian, there's plenty of variety in the role. Some locations require monthly visits, while others are visited less often. As each location has different needs, you'll have the flexibility to organise visits at times that work best for you and fit around your lifestyle.

Whether you can help in Edinburgh, East Lothian, Midlothian or a combination of these areas, we'd love to hear from you. We'll work with you to find a volunteering arrangement that fits.

What training and support will I get?

We'll help you get started with a welcoming induction, where you'll learn more about Children First, our work and what to expect in your volunteer role. You'll also have a named member of staff who'll be on hand with advice, support and encouragement whenever you need it.

Will it cost me anything?

We believe that volunteering shouldn't cost you anything and you'll be able to claim back reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, including travel and other agreed costs associated with your volunteering.

How could I benefit from volunteering?

Volunteering with us is more than just giving us your time, we want you to gain from it as well. It is a great way to build confidence, meet new people, boost your wellbeing and make a real difference to children and families. It can help you develop new skills and knowledge and build valuable experience that can be useful to you both personally and professionally. We will take time to get to know you and understand what you want to achieve and, where we can, offer you opportunities to develop in the role.

What do you need from me?

You don't need any specific qualifications or experience to volunteer with us. We're looking for someone who:

- Enjoys connecting with people and building relationships.
- Is confident communicating with a range of people, whether in person or over the phone.
- Has a full driving licence and access to a vehicle.
- Is happy to complete a Basic Disclosure Certificate, with Children First covering the cost and providing support throughout the application process.

Interested and want to find out more? Please get in touch, we'd be more than happy to have a chat and answer any questions you have.

volunteer@childrenfirst.org.uk