

Kensington & Chelsea
**Volunteering
and Job Fair**



ORGANISERS

Kensington and Chelsea Social Council (KCSC) is the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea's recognised voluntary sector 'infrastructure' organisation. Our work with voluntary and community organisations includes: the provision of training, advice and information; facilitating the voice of the local voluntary and community sector; and representing the sector at a strategic level. KCSC also works with residents of the borough, and aims to build and support community-led social action in line with our mission and values, as well as to build and support local community alliances. We do this through the work of our Community Development Manager, and our 'K&C Together' programme.

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The **K&C Together** programme aims to support increased resident and community influence and involvement in the local voluntary and community sector. This is done through one-to-one support and training for local organisations on equality, diversity and inclusion, user and resident engagement, and more, provided by KCSC. As well as one-to-one support, training and a matchmaking offer for residents and local community members interested in working, volunteering or leading organisations or community groups within the borough, provided by VCKC.

Volunteer Centre Kensington and Chelsea (VCKC) works with local people to support them into volunteering opportunities throughout the Borough. We also have specialist projects for ex-offenders, disability support, unemployment, young mums support, people who may be isolated and lonely, and supporting those with learning difficulties or mental health needs. We are here to help and support as many people as possible into volunteering, overcoming any obstacles together.

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Kensington and Chelsea over 50s Forum

We have been supporting older people in Kensington and Chelsea for over 20 years. We provide a prevention platform that is all-inclusive by means of education to help older people remain healthy and independent. We partner with world-renowned consultant surgeons, clinics, health professionals and internationally recognised health and research organisations to bring knowledge and information to our members. We partner with museums and businesses in the borough to give our members first-hand information and learning opportunities. We provide older people with the opportunity to be part of the decision-making process in shaping local policies. We campaign on issues that have an adverse effect on older people's quality of life.

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Kensington and Chelsea Citizens Advice

We provide free, confidential and impartial advice, and campaign on big issues affecting people's lives. Our goal is to help everyone find a way forward, whatever problem they face. We offer advice and information on a wide range of subjects including Welfare Benefits, Employment, Housing, Consumer, Legal, Tax, Family law, Energy suppliers and Immigration & Nationality. We're an independent charity and part of the Citizens Advice network across England and Wales. Last year we helped 15,000 residents - 14% of the borough's adult population. 60% of them had a disability or long-term health condition. We helped them claim more than £4.5m in benefits, grants, compensation and debt write-offs.

citizensadvicekc.org.uk |
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Equal People Mencap

Equal People Mencap provides care and support to our members, service users and their carers, and meet the challenges set by the COVID-19 outbreak. Our priority is to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all concerned: those we support, carers, volunteers and staff.

Equal People was started 30 years ago by parents who wanted their children to have more choice and independence. Our mission statement is “Turning Dreams into Action at the Pace of the Individual.” We believe people with learning disabilities have the right to make decisions about their own lives, that they and their families and carers have the right to choose how they want to be supported, and that they should have the same rights as everyone in Kensington & Chelsea.

equalpeoplemencap.org.uk |

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Age UK Kensington and Chelsea

Age UK K&C is a local independent charity with over 80 staff members. We help over 5,000 local older people every year, offering activities, events, befriending and information. It's a great place to work if you really want to make a difference in people's lives. We also host the social prescribing link workers in the borough that work with GP practices supporting the health and wellbeing needs of 16-64 year olds connecting communities with tailored support and making positive changes in their lives.

ageuk.org.uk/kensingtonandchelsea/ |

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Minds United Football Club

We support people with lived experience of mental health through sport. We are a **England Accredited club and aim to use sport as a medium to connect the community and reduce isolation. We aim to improve the four elements of wellbeing - social, emotional, physical and mental health - by meeting up regularly for free, fun and friendly football.

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Rugby Portobello Trust

RPT is a children's, youth and family support charity that has been operating in Walmer Rd, North Kensington for over 130 years, at the heart of an area identified as having the highest levels of income inequality. We provide a range of sporting, cultural and educational activities which are delivered in the daytime, evenings and during holidays, both on and off site.

RPT works with local children at both a homework club and junior club, and young people at a variety of youth club sessions, the focus being to help them fulfil their potential, keep safe and build and engage with their community. We also offer Mums and their children 'Magic Mums' sessions and a baby equipment and resources lending service.

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Action Disability Kensington & Chelsea

ADKC aims to promote and enhance the quality of life of people with physical and/or sensory impairments who live or work in Kensington and Chelsea. Our services include a Disability advice and information service, volunteer support, support around education and employment, Policy and Consultation Projects, Individual Budgets Co-ordination, disability advocacy service, and limited counselling.

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Young K&C

Young K&C is an exciting, new cross-sector partnership, creating a community of member and partner organisations working together to support children and young people. We work with businesses, schools, the public sector and voluntary organisations in Kensington & Chelsea.

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The ClementJames Centre

The ClementJames Centre is an award-winning charity based in North Kensington. Our vision is to help empower those in our community to release their potential and live fulfilled lives. We achieve this through education, employment and wellbeing support in a safe and compassionate space. We help people to gain meaningful and sustainable employment through personalised advice and support, mentoring and work skills activities. We support adults to improve their English, Maths and ICT skills through a wide range of Functional Skills courses and intensive Literacy & Numeracy support. We help children and young people to learn, flourish and achieve their potential through academic support, mentoring, Literacy & Numeracy support and aspirational activities. And we empower people to overcome barriers and challenges and to engage with their own wellbeing through Information, Advice and Guidance, and wellbeing activities.

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Venture Community Association

The Venture Community Association is an association of community centres located throughout the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. Venture delivers adult and community learning, a healthy living programme, and a wide variety of additional community events. We also offer an assortment of children's activities and playgrounds, with the heart of our children's activities being centred around the Notting Hill Adventure Playground, which was established in 1959 and is the oldest Adventure Playground in the United Kingdom. We work with a wide variety of local organisations, volunteers, and public initiatives. As an Association, we are always aiming to expand and develop our services, events, and centres so that we can better serve the Royal Borough Kensington and Chelsea and the surrounding communities.

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Carers Network

We are a charity operating in the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham, Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea, and the City of Westminster. We provide advice and support to the unpaid adult carers on all issues related, and help raise awareness about unpaid caring in the wider community. We also run free events and activities for carers, and offer volunteering opportunities.

carers-network.org.uk/ |

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Response Projects

Response is a community-based centre that serves the needs of the community's most vulnerable individuals while also offering a range of classes designed to increase educational attainment and general wellbeing. Based in Earls Court, Old Brompton Road, we provide free internet access, our flagship Homework Club, Chair Yoga, Open Age ESOL & IT classes & low-cost room hire.

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Nova New Opportunities

We are a small, diverse charity with a big reach and novel approach to social change working to support the community since 1983. We do two things with heart and soul: grassroots support including adult education, employment support, family, children and young people programmes; and reach events including TEDx Ladbroke Grove, The Human Library and a whole host of other initiatives connecting people across boundaries.

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Oxfam

We are Oxfam, a world-leading Anti-Poverty NGO active all over the world. We are seeking Face-to-Face fundraisers to join our Private Site, Street, and Telemarketing fundraising teams.

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Advocacy and Participation

The idea of Independent Visitors (IV) originated from government reports into safeguards for vulnerable children living away from home, which stressed the importance of providing an ongoing relationship with an adult who was independent from the Local Authority. An IV is someone a young person can have fun with, but as a trusted adult they also safeguard children. The role of the IV was introduced as a statutory service for looked after children in the Children Act 1989. In 2007, the government set a clear recommendation that “all children in care who need and want them have access to independent visitors.” Many young people leaving care say that they are ill prepared for adulthood, feel isolated and want to maintain contact with key adults with whom they have had a strong relationship. An Independent Visitor / Mentor can provide practical and emotional support to young people so they can enter adulthood with the confidence to achieve their potential.

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The Children's Book Project

Across London and the United Kingdom one in four disadvantaged children owns fewer than 10 books, whilst one in eight owns no books at all. This has an impact not only on these children's academic outcomes but also on their wellbeing, emotional development and sense of themselves as a reader. The Children's Book Project directly tackles this 'book gap' and gifts donated books to targeted communities across the Capital. These schools and community groups put on celebratory book gifting events at which children are invited to choose a book to take it home and keep. The charity expects to gift upwards of 150,000 books this year. Volunteers are an essential part of how we gather, sort and distribute the books we receive. Those who work with us are a much-celebrated part of the Children's Book Project family.

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Leighton House and Sambourne House

Leighton House and Sambourne House are the two historic artists' houses owned and managed by the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. The houses are just off High Street Kensington, Leighton House, the home of artist Frederic Leighton on Holland Park Road and Sambourne House, home of Punch cartoonist Linley Sambourne and his family on Stafford Terrace. Both offer a unique insight to the life and interior design of the Victorian era. Both houses will be reopening in Spring 2022 after extensive building renovation and we are looking for new volunteers to help us welcome visitors in a number of different roles.

rbkc.gov.uk/museums | Facebook: [@LeightonHouse](https://www.facebook.com/LeightonHouse) |
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Chelsea Methodist Church

We provide a community drop-in for vulnerable persons at risk of becoming or who are homeless, experiencing food poverty. We provide showers, refreshments, personal care packs and food parcels, and a lunch service 3 days a week. All are welcome and we work in partnership with the charity Glasdoor who can provide 1-1 information and advice.

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North Kensington Community Energy

NKCE is North Ken's first and only solar power co-op. Our mission is to tackle climate change through decentralised, democratised, local, solar energy production that is run by and for the local community. We install solar panels on schools and community centres, use the surplus profits to support local causes, and organise community climate events with residents.

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Community Champions (SMART) & St Luke's Vestry Foodbank

The Community Champions programme builds on the skills and knowledge of local communities. We bring local people and services together to improve health and wellbeing and to reduce inequalities. We do this by running various activities like chair exercise, senior lunch clubs, Zumba, yoga, kids' activities (skateboarding, kayaking, Little Green Fingers) outdoor cinemas and local food banks. We also have the Maternity Champions, a fabulous team of highly skilled, local volunteers who have a passion for supporting parents on their parenting journey. They help new and expectant parents from pregnancy through to baby's first birthday in a range of ways including preparing for birth, bonding with baby, breastfeeding and first aid. Maternity Champions want parents and their wider families living in the area to get the most from local ante- and post-natal services to make this important stage of their lives the best it can be.

communitychampionsuk.org/ |

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Fulham Palace Trust

Fulham Palace is one of the earliest and most intriguing historic powerhouses situated alongside the Thames. Its origins date back to 704AD and, for over thirteen centuries, it was the summer residence of the Bishops of London. Their individual stories offer personal insights into such major events as the creation of Magna Carta and the turbulence of the Reformation. Today Fulham Palace is run by Fulham Palace Trust, and offers a wide variety of volunteering opportunities, from gardening, stewarding, learning roles and more!

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Community Fibre

Community Fibre is a fibre optic broadband provider working in partnership with RBKC Council to improve access to digital services. The Digital Ambassadors programme recruits volunteers, provides them with training and support so they're equipped to empower local residents to use technology more effectively.

communityfibre.co.uk |

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Westway Community Transport

Westway CT provides Community Transport services for voluntary groups in Kensington & Chelsea, Westminster and Hammersmith & Fulham, and for individuals in Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster who, through age or disability, find accessing public transport difficult. We are always looking for volunteer drivers for our Individual Transport services to help our users attend a variety of appointments, mainly visits to the hospitals or GPs, health and wellbeing classes, and shopping. We support our volunteers throughout the process by offering regular training and flexible shifts. Some of our volunteers drive just a few hours per week, others drive few days a week. Some drive their own car, and some drive our own vehicles. Expenses are reimbursed. The work is varied, no job is the same; during lockdown, for instance, our volunteers supported foodbanks, delivering food parcels to individuals who were shielding. Volunteer driving can at times lead to paid employment.

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Dalgarno Trust

The Dalgarno Trust is a community centre serving North Kensington. We work with the local communities offering a wide range of activities, projects and services that promote health, wellbeing and inclusion for both the young and the not so young. We work in partnership with RBKC Council delivering core services and our youth programme. We are proud to be a part of the Health Partners Programme with other community, voluntary, faith groups and residents associations working in the community of North Kensington, brought together by NHS West London Clinical Commissioning Group.

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Grenfell Community Workshop

Through the Grenfell Community Workshop electrical and electronic goods can be PAT tested (Portable Appliance Testing) in the same way that businesses have to get anything that plugs in tested regularly to ensure a safe environment for their staff and visitors. This enable such goods, once tested and labelled, to be re-sold in Charity shops. The project plans to accept drop-in repair visits from residents. I intend to expand the workshop remit to also provide repairs for wheelchairs and other disability aids and also computers, laptops, printers, games consoles, mobile phones and tablets etc. I also plan to start a computer/tech club as part of this initiative which could be available after hours for example. Charities could thus be able to re-sell these goods and people with disabilities can get cheap or free repairs; a much more sustainable model. Volunteers and members will also be able to learn about new things and will be sent on PAT and other relevant training courses to upgrade their existing skills.

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Kulan Somali Organisation

KSO's aim is to improve the lives of the BAME community in particular the Somali and Baravanese community. KSO is rooted in the Somali traditional saying of 'Gacmo wadajir bay wax ku qabtaan' which is translated as 'United effort leads to success'. This motivating message underlies the spirit in which the KSO team delivers its work. In short, we want to make a positive difference in the community we work with and we understand the importance of the community's working together in a united effort to create lasting improvements and changes. We provide support and advice by using a holistic approach and considering the emotional, physical, social, and spiritual wellbeing of each individual. Our work is dedicated to building confidence and skills, while also time promoting social cohesion and integration within the community. Through our work we are the voice and advocate of our service users at the same time we encourage them in making informed decisions and when needed refer them to suitable services.

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CTRC Services

CTRC Services is a non-profit Home Health Care and Social Service Agency providing a service to all London Boroughs. We provide support in the community for adults with a learning disability or with mild mental health problems. Our referrals come from Social Services or directly from service users who have been allocated their own budget to pay for the care they require. The support provided varies from a few hours per day to 24-hour live-in care. CTRC support includes personal care, life skills training, community outreach and help in seeking employment. As CTRC is a community interest company all of our profits go to support local community projects that benefit people with disabilities.

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Home-Start Westminster, Kensington and Chelsea, Hammersmith and Fulham

Home-Start WKCHF supports local families with at least one child under five who are experiencing difficulties. Our families live in the London boroughs of Westminster, Hammersmith and Fulham, and Kensington & Chelsea. We recruit and train volunteers locally with parenting and life experience to support families for two hours a week. Our carefully-matched volunteers build trusting relationships with families through their offer of time, emotional support, practical support and friendship and can act as a bridge between the family and the wider community. Home-Start WKCHF supports parents for as long as they need it as they grow in confidence, strengthen their relationships with their children and widen their links in the community.

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GoSafer.Online

GoSafer.Online CIC is an E-Safety non-profit that's small but understands technology. We help children, families and everyone else to find out what they need to know and do to be safer online. We want to help younger people understand risks they may not have thought of. We want adults to catch up with the kids on the technical side (well, not really catch up, but at least get a basic knowledge they can build on). We built our website from the ground up (though it still needs work and it's light on content). But a website is not enough. We want to help PEOPLE. Those most in need of E-safety advice may never see our website. It's the people and organisations who are part of their daily life that could help – if they had good E-Safety information to pass on. The pandemic changed everything: it gave us a chance to do lots of background work but we're now ready to restart what we do in the community. We really need help on the “front line”, working with organisations and giving them what they need, but also in the “back room”, writing up articles, posting on social media and dealing with the technical stuff. Can you help?

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Family Friends

The work of Family Friends is to: empower, encourage, and help families get on track. Our community of volunteers work alongside each family to help them overcome any number of life-barriers that they are encountering. Through respect, encouragement and support, volunteers aim to help families and young people discover their strengths, build confidence and resolve difficulties. As well as providing much needed emotional support, our volunteers may help a practical level too. Family Befrienders commit to 6-12 months and might support a parent to take their children on days out, help to strengthen family relationships, provide a listening ear or help build confidence in themselves. Big Buddies are volunteers aged 18-30 who commit for 3-6 months and act as inspirational role models to young people and might support them by trying fun activities together, helping a young person to grow in confidence and resilience or talk about future aspirations.

familyfriends.uk.com | E: volunteer@familyfriends.uk.com

Catholic Children's Society

The Catholic Children's Society is a charity supporting disadvantaged children and families in London, Hertfordshire and the South-East. Our focus is to provide support as early as possible. Through our family centres, mental health services and emergency grants, we help children and families overcome disadvantage, achieve their full potential and have better chances in life. Every year our wonderful supporters donate gifts to our Christmas Gift Appeal to help struggling families. We would really appreciate volunteer support to help organise and distribute the gifts so that these families can have a Christmas to remember.

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GLL

Established in 1993, GLL is the largest UK-based charitable social enterprise delivering leisure, health and community services. Under the consumer facing brand Better, we operate 258 public Sports and Leisure facilities, 88 libraries, 10 children's centres and 5 adventure playgrounds in partnership with 50 local councils, public agencies and sporting organisations.

better.org.uk | E: ben.lett@gll.org

Kensington and Chelsea Mental Health Carers Association

Kensington and Chelsea Mental Health Carers Association help individuals to cope with the realisation that someone they know has a mental illness, seek appropriate help, discover their rights under the Mental Health Act and educate themselves about mental illness and how to cope. We run mental health carer support groups, operate respite trips and educational courses.

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Westside Basketball Club

Westside Basketball Club provides an organised and structured outlet for basketball, from mini basketball for children as young as six to senior citizens in the local community. We offer community programmes aimed at participation and development alongside our performance programmes at the national level who compete in the senior and junior National Basketball League.

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K&C Together

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If you're a resident or community member, visit:
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