

Current Affairs Telephone Group Volunteer

Carers Network are a non-for-profit charity that support over 5,300 unpaid carers across the London boroughs of Westminster, Hammersmith and Fulham and Kensington and Chelsea. Our vision is that every unpaid carer in that the areas which we operate is recognised and leads a fulfilling life with control over their caring role.

During the coronavirus pandemic we have overhauled our services and volunteer programme to deliver activities through Zoom and telephone conference package, Speaq. We have launched several telephone groups to reach out to our most socially isolated carers, whom either do not feel comfortable using Zoom or who do not use the internet.

Through hosting a weekly Current Affairs Telephone Group, you will take a lead and stimulate conversation on a variety of topics, such as politics, world events, sport, historical events, art, top newspaper stories, controversies and celebrity scandals, television shows and film, culture and the economy. You will have a free reign on how you run the group, but to stimulate conversation each session should have an outline on a topic for the group to discuss.

Join Carers Network to be part of a winning team, support an unpaid carer and gain a workplace reference. By volunteering for us you could truly make the world of difference to the life of an unpaid carer.

The role

- Host a weekly telephone-based group using our telephone conference package
- Have one or two topics to discuss each session to keep conversation flowing
- Create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for our carers
- Moderate order of speakers and give all participants an equal opportunity to speak
- Whilst some of the topics may be quite intense it's important to try and keep the group cordial without the use of profanities
- Work closely with our Volunteer Development Officer to monitor attendance figures, names of attendees and feedback on the session

Person Specification

- You would have achieved A-Levels or a degree in English literature, Journalism or History. This is desirable to demonstrate your ability to weigh up an argument, rationalise evidence and engage in debate
- To be well read in current affairs and world issues
- Articulate and a willingness to engage in healthy debate and discuss important issues
- It is desirable that you read more than one newspaper on a daily basis
- Experience of facilitating a group is desirable but not essential
- We welcome applications from black ethnic minority groups