

Members

Volunteering

with RCPCH



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Why volunteer?

We need you!

Volunteering is critical to the running of the college. We are a member based College and encourage active involvement from our members. Last year we had over 3,000 people supporting our work across almost 100 voluntary roles covering everything from clinical recruitment, examinations, helping lead on strategy, overseeing a range of vital committees, supporting children and young people via RCPCH &Us and editing our member magazine, Milestones.



The College is a great organisation that is making a positive difference for child health and paediatricians. You get a wider perspective on your day-to-day work. You help improve systems, assessments and resources that have real impact eg exams, education, training curricula, policy and standards.

Dr Malcolm Gajraj
Deputy Officer for Wales

- Help drive and define the future of paediatric health care
- Support the next generation of paediatricians
- Enhance young people's experience of paediatric health care
- Influence national level healthcare decision makers
- Network and share expertise with colleagues from different regions/countries
- Gain valuable leadership skills and experience
- Meaningfully engage with members across your region and beyond
- Gain valuable perspective on the challenges and innovations shaping paediatrics today



Volunteering has certainly shaped me as a paediatrician and I have been able to help others in their journeys too. A particular highlight was the privilege of presenting MRCPCH certificates at the admissions ceremony.

Dr Louise Turnbull
Area Officer for the North of England

I have grown considerably both personally and professionally through my interactions with College staff, other paediatricians and children and young people and their families. The amount of shared wisdom and companionship has not only helped me to survive, but also to thrive in a demanding career.

Dr Andrew Long
Senior Member and Fellow
Representative

What's on offer?

Whether you're a trainee, consultant, SAS (Specialty, Associate Specialist, and Specialist) or LED (Locally Employed Doctor) there's a role for you at the RCPCH regardless of location. There's an amazing breadth of opportunities for you to choose from, that can fit around your availability.

Recent roles advertised include:

- Training Advisor
- Quality Advisor
- SPIN Lead
- Committee Chairperson
- Assessment Advisor
- Committee Member
- Regional Area Officer
- Trainee Representative

..these have been for a whole host of committees including:

- College Specialty Advisory Committee (CSAC) on Neonatal Medicine
- CSAC Oncology
- Specialist, Associate, Specialist and Speciality Advisory Committee
- Less than Full Time Training Advisors Network
- Clinical Quality in Practice Committee
- CSAC Palliative Medicine
- Health Improvement Committee



Professional development through working with many colleagues across different disciplines and perspectives.

Leadership development through shadowing and observing experienced leaders.

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Support we offer

We can offer you a range of support to help you shine in post. This includes support of your peers and our subject matter experts, mentoring and opportunities for remote / hybrid working.



Great administrative support from within the College. A huge range of roles and areas of focus. Good balance between in-person and online meetings.

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Wider benefits:

- Leadership management and stakeholder engagement skills e.g. question writing, chairing meetings and hosting digital webinars
- Opportunity to be a public spokesperson for child health
- Chance to make an impact outside your Trust
- Access to a wider network of paediatricians at all levels



As a trainee in a volunteering role I have had incredible leadership and management experience, and represented trainees nationally at the highest level.

It has given me a great understanding of the NHS as well as the systems and structures that govern training and provided me with some amazing opportunities.

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What existing volunteers say

I have been an active RCPCH Volunteer since 2016 and continue to get huge fulfilment and satisfaction from the every day opportunities and challenges in improving child health. My advice to colleagues is... if in doubt go for it!

Professor Steve Turner
Volunteer and RCPCH President



I have enjoyed learning from the other Trustees, especially those from backgrounds other than medicine. The Trustees help set the strategic direction of the College and support with governance, in part by acting in the role of 'critical friend' to the College's work.

Dr Bhanu Williams
Volunteer and RCPCH Assistant Registrar



Volunteering as Scottish Officer over the past five years has been a hugely rewarding experience. It's given me opportunities beyond my regular clinical work, from giving evidence at the Scottish Parliament to national media appearances, all in support of children's health and wellbeing.

Dr Mairi Stark
Volunteer and RCPCH Officer for Scotland



Volunteering with RCPCH has given me purpose beyond patient care. It's a chance to collaborate, influence national policy and support the future of paediatrics. You can do it - and should.

Dr Kay Tyerman
Volunteer and RCPCH Officer for Workplace Planning and Health Services



How to volunteer

The new home for volunteering in the RCPCH is the Get Involved Hub. Here you will find more resources, access to current roles, key contacts and apply for current vacancies.

www.rcpch.ac.uk/get-involved

Roles advertised throughout the year

We have a number of rolling opportunities from volunteering overseas to applying for a Committee role:

www.rcpch.ac.uk/get-involved/volunteering

Spotlight on education and training roles

Take a look at the varied roles available, such as question writing, being an MRCPCH Clinical examiner, or supporting trainee paediatricians to joining our course faculty.

www.rcpch.ac.uk/get-involved-ET



It has been really lovely to see how much the College staff genuinely care about resident doctors and improving the trainee experience. It has been really rewarding working alongside them and I would encourage other resident doctors to get involved!

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It has been great to get to know the College staff over the last 10+ years and to feel part of something that supports not just my trainees, but all paediatric trainees across the four nations.

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