

ShelterBox Ambassador

Volunteer Role Description

Join us to help spread the word about ShelterBox and the importance of shelter. We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers with a passion to make a difference. By engaging with your community, you will help us raise awareness and funds for families who have lost everything after disaster.

Whether you're a keen public speaker or more comfortable behind a computer keyboard, there are flexible options available to suit a variety of skills and time commitments.

There is no expectation for you to do all activities listed below yet we ask that you undertake an activity of your choosing once a month.

This is primarily a lone working role and you will need to be self-sufficient. However, there will be opportunities to connect with other volunteers and ShelterBox throughout the year.

The role is key to the work of the Community Fundraising Team, supporting our relationship-focused approach and engaging the public about ShelterBox's work.

What could I be doing?

Options include:

- Speaker engagements Delivering at least 8 talks a year, to a wide variety of audiences including schools, universities and community groups
- Support our fundraising campaigns such as Tent for Lent, The Warehouse Challenge and virtual mile challenges – providing early content to help with campaign promotion across our social channels and website
- Acting as the recipient for cheques and donations from local groups, celebrating their amazing support and ensuring funds are sent to ShelterBox HQ
- Holding/ transporting and occasionally accompanying our Demo ShelterBoxes at local events such as fetes and Rotary events
- Reaching out to community groups to offer them opportunity of in person and virtual talks
- Promoting the work of ShelterBox through use of social media channels by sharing content across your network and working with our digital team to create your own content if you wish
- Seasonal/ad hoc fundraising using your own community insight to support a calendar of exciting activities and in response to times of major disaster

What experience and skills do I need?

- Passion about the work of ShelterBox and the stories we have to tell
- Ability to actively manage your own diary
- Ability to develop links and opportunities within the local community.
- Either an ability to drive, use public transport or use online meeting platforms such as zoom, to attend speaker events

What resources will I have to help me in my role?

Specific online training will be provided based on the type of activity you are most interested in.

- A T-Shirt, name-badge, ShelterBox email address, volunteer handbook and other materials
- Access to our Volunteer Resource Area where you'll find digital guides, assets and resources for your chosen activity (including a pre-prepared PowerPoint presentation and notes for Speakers)
- Access to an online portal to manage diary and sign up for talks and events in your community
- One of our solar lights, as an example of the aid we distribute (upon request)
- Buddying and shadowing opportunities with other volunteers
- Support and guidance from a dedicated and passionate team who believe in the importance of volunteers

Your named contact:

Jenn Sandiford, Community Volunteer Engagement Officer

Volunteering with ShelterBox

We ask everyone to complete an application form, which is followed up with an informal interview, probably by phone. If you and we both feel it's a suitable role for you, we will take up references and then organise an induction for you. You will receive a Volunteer Handbook, telling you about the policies and procedures you need to know about, including how to claim expenses.

Volunteers provide vital support and are an integral part of the ShelterBox family. We will:

- Send you fortnightly newsletters
- Invite you to join our Volunteers Facebook page where you can hear from and connect with other volunteers
- Invite you to attend or view webinars to support your understanding and knowledge of ShelterBox and the international development sector