

The Inspire Team Role

About the position

The Inspire Team is a new leadership role from Royal Holloway Volunteering designed for students that want to become an ambassador for volunteering at Royal Holloway. It is a fantastic role for students that are interested in campaigning and promoting excellent causes that help students and the community make a difference. The Inspire Team is a great opportunity for students that want to learn how charities function and get involved behind the scenes.

How long does the role last?

The Inspire Team positions are for one complete academic year and begin in June each year. There is the option to have the role extended for another academic year if you are still studying at Royal Holloway.

What are the role's responsibilities?

The Inspire Team's main goal is to promote volunteering and inspire community action across the university and beyond. Your exact responsibilities will vary depending on what initiatives you are involved with, but all Inspire Team members have the same core responsibilities:

- Becoming an ambassador amongst student peers to develop volunteering at Royal Holloway
- Working in teams to promote volunteering to key groups across the university and beyond
- Supporting the volunteering team at recruitment events and volunteering fairs
- Attending fortnightly office hours to discuss upcoming initiatives with staff
- Developing your skills by attending training sessions
- Promoting volunteering within academic schools
- Organising the Volunteer departments' involvement with national initiatives and campaigns
- Representing the Volunteering team at open days and careers fairs as well as other events
- Working with Hub Assistants to create digital advertising and blogs for your project

In addition, we have four groups within the Inspire Team that encourage volunteering in key areas.

- Inspire Response Team. Help manage the response team, a mailing list of students that express an interest in one-off volunteering opportunities and last minute activities.
- Inspire Strode's: Working with the local Strode's College, help young people at our local FE college to get involved with volunteering.
- Inspire Charters: Inspire young people in the nearby Charters School and help them develop their volunteering skills.
- Inspire Holloway: Work with our students' Union clubs and societies to help their members get involved with volunteering.

What do you expect from a leader?

Our leadership roles are designed to be flexible, so there are no "set hours" that you need to complete over the course of the term. We have some events that are required for all student leaders and these include:

- Our Festival of Volunteering

- Fortnightly office hours at the Volunteering Hub to plan initiatives and talk to staff (one hour per week during term time)
- Volunteering leader training (three days at the beginning of the role, then 8 hours of training spread over the rest of the year)
- Our Social Action Showcase taking place in Spring term

Generally we expect our leaders to be responsive and to communicate with the team. This might include letting us know when you are having challenges or responding to additional requests for volunteering support.

What will I get out of the experience?

The Royal Holloway Volunteering Inspire Team role is unpaid, but you will be able to use the role to get a number of great benefits. While it is up to you to make the most of your position, students undertaking a role are usually able to gain:

- Leadership, confidence and teamwork skills
- Training that will help you stand out from the crowd when you leave Royal Holloway
- Experience working with different people including charity partners, volunteers, Royal Holloway staff and members of the community
- Eight hours of accredited Continued Professional Development training from our training partner Mobile Team Challenge
- Branded volunteering clothing
- A chance to be involved with national initiatives and international campaigns
- Invitations to exclusive talks from Royal Holloway alumni
- Ongoing support from the Royal Holloway Volunteering staff team
- Inclusion into an active and friendly team and invitation to exclusive team events
- Certificates of your involvement and a record of the number of volunteering hours that you have completed

We believe that getting involved as a student leader is one of the best things you can do while you are Royal Holloway. Over twenty years hundreds of students have taken part in our leadership programme and have used it to develop their skills, meet new people and make a difference in the community.

We believe that the Inspire Team role will give you an excellent opportunity to learn more about the inner workings of a charitable organisations while becoming an ambassador of volunteering here at Royal Holloway.