Role profile
Cancer Insights Panel
(Policy & Communications)

Type of opportunity
Panel of people affected by cancer

Time commitment
Day-long meeting every two months, for two years

Payment and expenses
Travel expenses covered plus £80 per meeting

Summary of the opportunity
Have you or a loved one been affected by cancer? Are you looking for an opportunity to do something different and develop new skills? As part of our Cancer Insights Panel, you will join a group of 15 people affected by cancer to share your views on areas like our fundraising campaigns, online information and our work to influence Government and the NHS. By working closely with you, we can make sure that the work we do represents and reflects the needs of all people affected by cancer.

In this role, you will...

- Attend a day-long meeting (11am to 4:30pm on a weekday) every other month and prepare for them (read the documents we send in advance and think about some key questions). Teams across the charity will come to talk about new projects and will ask for your opinions based on your cancer experience.
- Give us your opinion on projects over email every few weeks (2 hours per month).
- Learn new skills and hear different perspectives from other people affected by cancer.

So far, the members of this group have:

- Influenced our political campaign to celebrate the NHS and suggested improvements to it.
- Helped us make decisions on potential new corporate partnerships and fundraising initiatives.
- Given feedback on the language and content for our TV adverts and social media content.
- Helped us make our webpages for patients and the public easier to understand.
We’re looking for people with...

Necessary:
- A recent (last 5 years) experience of cancer, either personally or through a close family member, and the desire to use your experience to influence our work.
- Good communication skills- the ability to give constructive feedback and to respect the opinion of others.
- An open-mind to explore new and challenging ideas.
- An interest in cancer and keeping up-to-date with cancer news.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality.
- Access to a computer/tablet to prepare for meetings and answer email consultations.

If successful, you will:
- Come along to a **two-day introduction and meeting in London on 25 and 26 June.** This will be a chance for you to:
  - Understand more about our charity
  - Understand more about the role that the Cancer Insights Panel plays
  - Meet the staff here at Cancer Research UK
  - Get to know the other group members

We will support you by...
- Giving you a key-contact at Cancer Research UK who will give you ongoing support and information to help you in your role. They will be available to answer any questions you have before, during and following meetings.
- Updating you on projects you’ve given feedback on and the impact you’ve had.
- Sending you all the information you need 2 weeks before meetings.
- Organising travel, food and reasonable hotel expenses for you. We offer an £80 payment per meeting in recognition of your time (which can go towards childcare or care costs).

**Equal opportunities:**
At Cancer Research UK we involve people from all backgrounds, ethnicities and age groups. In this role you will work with and need to represent the views of a diverse group of people. As Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) groups are underrepresented in the current panels, we particularly encourage and welcome applications from these backgrounds.

**How to apply?**
**I’d like more information:** Please get in touch if you’d like to have a chat or aren’t sure whether to apply. Call Rosie on 0203 469 5570 or email involvement@cancer.org.uk.

**I’m ready to apply:** Email involvement@cancer.org.uk and we’ll send you the application pack. Submit your application by Sunday 14 April.

**What happens next?** We’ll look at all the applications we receive from Tuesday 23 April to decide who we will invite to interview for the role. **Telephone interviews will take place on during the second week in May.**

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