

# Volunteer Role Description

Role Title: School Speaker

## **Aim of volunteering role:**

To help ensure children with OCD have access to the support they need at school by talking to school staff about OCD, its impact on young people and ways to support learners with OCD.

## **Tasks:**

1. Contacting local schools to arrange staff speaker sessions
2. Delivering short, informal talks on OCD to school staff
3. Maintaining relationships with visited schools
4. Supporting other aspects of the project according to interest and availability (eg. online forums)

## **Required:**

1. Interest in OCD and/or education
2. Confidence in public speaking
3. Ability to be engaging and persuasive
4. Empathetic and non-judgemental attitude
5. Tact and diplomacy
6. Basic literacy and IT skills
7. Reliability
8. Access to a telephone and public transport/car

## **Desirable:**

1. Teaching experience
2. Knowledge of OCD
3. Knowledge of special education needs and UK statementing process

## **Time and place of work:**

Flexible time commitment. Ideally, 2-3 hours a week which, at least once a month, should be in the office during working hours. The OCD Action office is located in central London and is open Monday to Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. This role will require some travel to schools in the London area. Travel to and from the office and London schools will be reimbursed.

## **Project Manager:**

Trish Macleod, 0207 2535272, trish@ocdaction.org.uk

## **References and interviews:**

The interview process will consist of an informal discussion with the Project Manager and an introduction to the OCD at School project. We will take references at a later stage of the process.

## **CRB (Criminal Records Bureau Check):**

Because many of our speaker sessions are conducted on school premises, Volunteer Speakers may need to undergo an 'Enhanced CRB check'. These checks will be free to the volunteers. The Project Manager is happy to answer any queries about these checks and would encourage potential volunteers not to be put off by this standard protocol.