

Hammersmith and Fulham Foodbank



Volunteer Role Description

Role: Volunteer Driver (own car or Foodbank van)

Where: across Hammersmith and Fulham, mainly collecting and finishing at our warehouse in Barons Court.

When: We currently need drivers Wednesdays and/or Thursdays each week

Time commitment: 2-3 hours of driving or less depending on your availability (usually 12.30-3pm)

Overview of the role: Foodbanks provide three day emergency food parcels for people in crisis, working in partnership with organisations across the community. We have a need for 2 different types of driver volunteer:

We deliver 8 sessions across 6 days of the week at 4 locations. Driver volunteers will drive our Foodbank van and deliver the top up of stock to each of these sessions, collecting empty crates to return to the warehouse in Barons Court. This role requires lifting and carrying of heavy crates (lifting onto and off a trolley). We try to send a driver and passenger to each session, but some deliveries are done alone.

We deliver foodbank parcels to people's homes where they cannot attend a face to face session and don't have the support network to help them. Driver volunteers would deliver a weekly box & bag of emergency food to their home. We try to send a driver and passenger for these deliveries. This could be done in your own vehicle or the Foodbank van. For own vehicles, we pay volunteer expenses based on HMRC Mileage Allowance Payments guidance.

If there were 2 of you who wanted to volunteer together, as driver and passenger, please indicate this on your application.

Key tasks

- Transporting sorted food from the warehouse to the local food bank centre
- Carrying heavy boxes of canned foods
- Regular loading and unloading of the van
- Regular van driving across the local area
- Delivering food parcels to people's homes
- Collecting food donations from collection points such as supermarkets, schools and churches around the local area
- Delivering food donations to the warehouse
- Be part of a Whatsapp group where driver communications take place

About you

- Clean driving licence
- Physically capable of lifting and carrying (manual handling training provided)
- Confident driver
- Adaptable and flexible
- Personable and committed

- You will need to comply with the Driving Policy of the Foodbank and if driving your own vehicle, will need to check with your insurer that you are covered for driving on a volunteer basis

Benefits of volunteering

- A chance to meet new people and work as part of a team addressing hunger in the borough
- Contribute to your local community
- Build your confidence and feel a sense of purpose

Support

- You will be given all the required training and support before starting your role.
- As well as your Volunteer Coordinator, you may have another main contact, depending on your driver role.
- You will be part of a Whatsapp group with other driver volunteers

How to apply

Please complete our application form. We will then contact you with further details of the recruitment process.