

Anti-Trafficking - EVS Volunteer Role Description 2019-2020

This may be available in: London

Project overview:

The British Red Cross helps people in crisis, whoever and wherever they are. We are part of a global voluntary network, responding to conflicts, natural disasters and individual emergencies. We enable vulnerable people in the UK and abroad to prepare for and withstand emergencies in their own communities. And when the crisis is over, we help them to recover and move on with their lives. Within the UK, the British Red Cross operates through about 3,000 staff and over 23,000 volunteers. Geographically, the RS RFL is organised into 12 Areas, which are grouped into East and West. Crisis Response is divided into 8 areas, which have different boundaries to the RS RFL teams. The British Red Cross' response to human trafficking involves both of these two teams, and many other departments throughout the Red Cross and requires coordination and consolidation.

Human trafficking is a growing concern that has drawn the attention among civic society including governments, law enforcement agencies and NGOs for reasons that are complicated by the very nature of trafficking. The trafficking of human beings not only places people in situations of slavery, debt bondage and exploitation but criminalises the victims of this crime.

The British Red Cross has been encountering trafficked people and the issue of trafficking throughout its services for a number of years, and with the current UK context, it will continue to do so in the future. There the Red Cross is expanding and defining its response to human trafficking and requires the combination of management skills and trafficking expertise to do this.

In 2013 the Red Cross applied for EU funding for the PROTECT project. The purpose of this project was to provide the foundation required to develop a consistent anti-trafficking approach. The project funded an anti-trafficking team whose role was to bring together the various strands of anti-trafficking services, to develop training and guidance for staff and volunteers and to manage and grow the relationships with stakeholders in the field.

The project is now concluded, and as a result the Red Cross now has training, guidance documents, database/data collection tools, and stronger presence with external stakeholders both in the UK and internationally.

Key volunteer tasks:

- 1) Mapping relevant stakeholders throughout the anti-trafficking sector (networking)
- 2) Gathering information and conducting research about new developments in the sector in order to then update our materials and support for the anti-trafficking teams regular reporting requirements (research, data capture and reporting)
- 3) Support the team in the implementation of trafficking casework (support to trafficked people)
- 4) Support the team in the development of new projects and programmes, and support in writing funding proposals (Fundraising and project management)
- 5) Support the team on public messaging around trafficking, and supporting in the implementation of our communications activities (Comm's)

NB: it would be helpful (but not essential) if the person had the desire to work in or the knowledge of the following areas:

- trafficking or migration sector
- working to support beneficiaries (social work, social sciences, counselling)
- project management/project coordination
- High level of IT skills to be able to use all Microsoft applications, but could also quickly learn about the Redroom and Redcross.org.uk website needs as well.
- Interested in research



Training and induction:

The volunteer will have a 2 week period of shadowing and opportunity to read all of the required materials to prepare for this post. These trainings will be required within the first 3 months of the post:

- British Red Cross Foundation Training
- Module 1 and Module 2 anti-trafficking training
- Refugee Support casework training
- Safeguarding Refugee's training

Practicalities (e.g. any specific information about TOIL or working hours/ holidays):

This role will be based at UKO within the Anti-Trafficking team.

The hours will be flexible, but will be loosely based around the hours of 9.30-17.30 with a 1 hour break

TOIL will be made available when there is work required outside of hours.

There will be the opportunity to travel around the UK as part of the work of the team, and the opportunity to attend external networking and conference events around the UK.

