

## Volunteer Chef

Bristol Refugee Rights runs weekly drop-ins at Wellspring Settlement on Wednesday and Thursday mornings to provide a place of safety and solidarity for asylum seekers and refugees in Bristol.

The key to making these social spaces feel warm and welcoming is a good supply of hot drinks, snacks and a delicious lunch (Thursdays only) that we can all enjoy together. We're looking for people that are confident to plan a menu and lead a team of kitchen volunteers. Being part of the kitchen team is a great way to meet and chat with members and volunteers, while keeping this key aspect of the centre running. You will be deciding the menu, preparing a shopping list and delegating tasks. On Thursdays we usually provide a delicious curry or dhal.

### We are looking for someone who:

- Is friendly – a smile with your cup of tea or piece of cake makes all the difference!
- Has experience cooking for large numbers of people
- Has some catering experience
- Welcomes the opportunity to work as part of a diverse volunteer team at BRR.
- Is willing to help out with all areas of work in the kitchen – including the less glamorous jobs!
- Has an awareness of health and safety and food hygiene
- Is good at communicating including with people whose first language is not English/ who have limited English
- Is keen to get experience in a community kitchen
- On a Wednesday we would like to recruit a volunteer with experience of baking, and who would be confident in supporting other team members to learn as we are looking to expand our food offer on a Wednesday to include some home baked items!

### Volunteers need to be:

- Available to volunteer on Wednesdays from 9:30am until 1pm **or** Thursday from 9:30am until 2pm
- Able to make 6 months' commitment to the role
- Able to attend Compulsory induction training on **Wednesday 22nd April 2026 or Thursday 23rd April 2026 from 9.30am - 2.30pm** the volunteer kitchen induction on a date to be confirmed.
- Committed to attending training, supervision and occasional meetings

### Volunteers will get from this role:

- To play a key part in a vibrant and supportive community
- Work with Asylum Seekers and Refugees
- Knowledge of other services that exist to support ASR's in Bristol
- Experience of working in a busy community kitchen
- Experience working with a diverse team of volunteers from all over the world – with a chance to learn and share recipes and cooking styles.

**What we provide:**

- An induction and ongoing relevant training for your role.
- Regular volunteer meetings and support.
- References after six months of volunteering experience
- Expenses payments for costs incurred whilst volunteering

Many of our members are in extremely vulnerable situations because of their immigration status, trauma and other factors. Because of this we must take a cautionary approach to ensuring that the people working with them (both volunteers and staff members) are appropriate and safe. All volunteer roles at BRR are, therefore, subject to both references, and a DBS check.

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