

Kitchen Team Volunteer

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 someone who wants to work as part of a team to make this possible. 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 washing up and making sure there's everything available for the perfect cup of tea. On a Thursday your role will be to support our chef to make a delicious curry or dhal. On a Wednesday we are looking for someone with experience in preparing healthy breakfast snacks.

We are looking for someone who:

- Is friendly – a smile with your cup of tea or piece of cake makes all the difference!
- 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 preparing healthy breakfasts as we expand our food offer to include nutritious food for our members!
- On Thursdays we are looking for people with experience as KPs (Kitchen Porters) or willingness to help wash up and help close down the kitchen after a busy lunch session.

Volunteers need to be:

- Available to volunteer either on Wednesdays from 9:30am to 2pm **or** Thursday from 9:30am to 2.30pm
- Able to make 6 months' commitment to the role
- Able to attend Compulsory induction training on **Wednesday 21st October 2026 or Thursday 22nd October 2026 from 9.30am to 2.30pm** and 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 month 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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