



Ileostomy & Internal Pouch  
Association

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# Group Volunteer

## Role Description

**Main contact:** Group Relationship Lead

**Reference:**

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### About IA

Ileostomy and Internal Pouch Association, known as IA, has been specialising in supporting people living with an ileostomy since 1956. In 1993, IA extended its support network to include people living with an internal pouch. What makes IA unique is not only its extensive network of local groups across the UK and Ireland but also the majority of our volunteers are themselves living life after surgery. Not only do our volunteers offer support but they can offer the lived experience – something tremendously valuable to our members and those considering surgery when faced with such a difficult decision to make.

### About the role

This role provides flexible support to the group, to help enable them to achieve more for members. Each group covers a defined geographical area, and as a Group Volunteer you will be able to get involved as and when required.

Our Group Volunteers get involved behind the scenes, helping to ensure that events, meetings, and other activities run as smoothly as possible.

The role is designed to make the most of your skills, experience and interests, as well as supporting you to develop new ones along the way.



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### Main tasks and activities:

- Attend regular meetings to offer support and suggestions about group activity.
- Voting on matters that affect the plans of the group.
- Welcoming new and existing members to group meetings.
- Proactively promoting the work of the group and the value of volunteering.
- Support the general running of the group depending on your skills, for example, contributing to the newsletter, helping with social media activity, promoting the group in your local area.

### About you

We are looking for somebody who is:

- An advocate for IA with the ability to actively promote the charity.
- Able to represent IA positively through our values of being trusted, independent, professional, compassionate, innovative, and knowledgeable.
- Flexible in their approach to supporting the group.

### What IA can offer you

- The opportunity to be a part of an active network of volunteers who are committed to supporting people with an ileostomy or internal pouch.
- The opportunity to make use of your existing skills, whilst being supported to develop new ones.
- A friendly and encouraging team who can help you to realise your goals.
- A named contact to provide dedicated and ongoing support to you throughout your volunteering role.
- Dedicated training as appropriate to the role.
- The opportunity to attend networking events and information days.
- Reimbursement of agreed out of pocket expenses incurred while carrying out activities, e.g. travel, lunch, in line with our expenses policy.
- Committed to volunteering with us flexibly for a minimum of 12 months, up to a maximum term of six years.



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For further information about this role or to express an interest, please contact us at [volunteering@iasupport.org](mailto:volunteering@iasupport.org) or visit <https://iasupport.org/get-involved/volunteering/>

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