

Volunteer Application Form

Thank you for applying to become a volunteer with Home-Start Southwark.
If you have any questions about completing this form or about volunteering in general,
please contact us on 020 7737 7720 for assistance.

The information that you give on this form will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Name:	
Address:	
Mobile phone no.:	
Email address:	
Date and place of birth:	
Emergency Contact details: (name and phone no.)	

REFERENCES: Please give the name and address of two referees that you have known for a minimum of two years (not a relative) who may be contacted by Home-Start.

Please ask permission prior to submitting referees' details and confirm full address.

Referee 1		Referee 2	
Name:		Name:	
Time and capacity known this person:		Time and capacity known this person:	
Full address:		Full address:	
Email address:		Email address:	
Phone no.:		Phone no.:	

Please tell us about any paid employment, starting with most recent

Employer	Job title	From	To	Brief description of duties	Reason for leaving

Please tell us about any voluntary or unpaid work, starting with most recent

Institution	Position	From	To	Brief description of duties	Reason for leaving

Please tell us about your education, starting with most recent

Institution	Subject	From	To	Brief description of subject

Do you speak any additional languages? (Including sign language)	
What is the maximum time you could offer to Home-Start as a volunteer on a regular weekly basis? (Suggested 2 to 3 hours per week)	
Do you have any commitments which could affect your volunteering with Home-Start?	
Please give information about your own parenting experience: e.g., are you a parent/stepparent/foster carer. Please give ages of children.	

How did you hear of Home-Start?	
Why would you like to become a Home-Start volunteer?	
Do you have any skills or personal experiences which may be relevant to your work as a volunteer for Home-Start? (e.g., budgeting, cooking, DIY etc.)	
Is there any other information you would like to add?	
Do you consider yourself to have a disability or health condition and if so, what adjustments could Home-Start provide to enable you to volunteer?	Yes/No
Please provide details.	

As volunteers are in a privileged position visiting families in their own homes and have contact with young children, Home-Start has a responsibility to ensure that no one becomes a volunteer who would misuse this trust. Therefore, it is essential that you complete and sign this form.

Name:	
Have you had any personal contact with Social Services/Social Work Department or NSPCC in connection with children in your care? Have any of your children been subject to a child protection, child in need plan or common assessment framework (CAF)?	Yes/No
Have you ever been dismissed from any paid or voluntary work?	Yes/No
Have you ever been arrested or had contact with the police for any type of criminal offence?	Yes/No
Are there any matters outstanding which may lead to a criminal prosecution?	Yes/No

Is there any reason why you would be unsuitable to be a Home-Start volunteer?	Yes/No
If you answer yes to any question, please give details below:	
<p><i>N.B. If you do not declare existing or spent cautions or convictions you may not be selected. However, if you declare any of the above it may still be possible to become a volunteer.</i></p>	
I confirm that I will report any changes in my circumstances which may affect my role (child/ren in care/criminal proceedings brought against me etc) as soon as they occur.	Yes/No

Declaration

- I give permission for Home-Start to carry out a disclosure and barring service check at enhanced level with the appropriate agency.
- I understand that my National Insurance number, passport and/or drivers’ licence may be required for identification purposes.
- I understand that Home-Start may hold personal information about me in paper records and on their computer, including sensitive information such as age, race, sex and disabilities that they will use for their monitoring purposes. I agree to them holding this information and understand that it may be shared with Home-Start UK for Quality Assurance purposes.
- I understand that I may ask to see my records at any time.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

As you will be completing an Enhanced Disclosure form, details of any criminal convictions or cautions found will be passed on to Home-Start Southwark. Therefore, it is important that you highlight any issue we need to be aware of on your application form. If something is highlighted on your disclosure this will be discussed with you in confidence. Following the meeting a decision will be made whether we can proceed with your application.

**Please return the completed application form
by email to: juliet.thompson@homestartsouthwark.org.uk
or by post to: Home-Start Southwark, CAN Mezzanine, 7-14 Great Dover Street, SE1 4YR, London**

Thank you for applying to become a volunteer. Volunteers are essential to the work of Home-Start and you can help us to make a real difference to families under stress.

Monitoring Information

This information will help ensure we reach out to all communities in Southwark and will be kept safely and confidentially.

Asian or Asian British		Black or Black British		White	
Indian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>	British	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/>	African	<input type="checkbox"/>	Irish	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bangladeshi	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Black background	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other White background	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please specify _____		Please specify _____	
Other Asian background	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Please specify _____					
Other Mixed or Ethnic Background					
Other Ethnic background	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please specify _____			
Other Mixed background	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please specify _____			
Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	Female	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transgender	<input type="checkbox"/>