

Volunteer Role Description – Treasurer Trustee

About Residents United Forum (RUF)

RUF started in Newham in February 2021. We are led by and for disabled people and their carers. Our vision is that "People with any disability in Newham will be able to fulfil their full potential and be equal with everyone."

Our ultimate goal is to create a Centre for Independent Living in Newham, but we know this will take some years to achieve. Our immediate short-term goal is to advocate for improvements in the experiences of disabled people in Newham.

RUF has 6 founding Trustees. We have already secured grant funding and have:

- Researched and published two reports about the experience of disabled people in Newham
- Secured funding to create a new website

We have a clear plan in place to achieve our goals which is set out in our Ladder – which sets out our 10 year plan. We are now a registered charity and have set up our own bank account.

We have carried out a skills audit of our founding trustees and we would like to recruit a treasurer to help us improve our skills and capacity in this area.

About the Treasurer role

The Treasurer will be a trustee of Residents United Forum. Ideally you will be a disabled person yourself or have cared for a person with a disability, but as a minimum you will have a good understanding of the challenges faced by disabled people and be committed to improving the situation that disabled people face.

The role lasts usually for between 2 to 4 years and includes:

- Attending trustee meetings every month and participating in other activities of the group such as meetings, workshops and rallies.
- Keeping a record of income and expenses, including keeping copies of receipts.
- Producing a summary report of the income and expenses every month for the Trustee meetings
- Producing a simple set of accounts at the end of the year and making the annual report to the Charity Commission.
- Operate the RUF bank account with other trustee signatories.

You need to be good with maths, money and budgeting. You need to be able to use email, Word and Excel to keep records and produce reports. You must be able to use websites like the Charity Commission and be competent with online Banking. You need to be motivated to carry out tasks without prompting, act independently and work successfully as part of a team. We estimate the role will take around 10 hours a month.

How to apply

If you meet these requirements, please email ruf23.info@gmail.com to tell us you are interested in being our Treasurer. You will be invited to meet with us and discuss the role and find out more about RUF. Successful applicants will be asked to complete a DBS check.

Deadline for applications: 5th December 2025