

Numeracy Volunteers

Role Description

About National Numeracy

Our mission is to empower children and adults in the UK to get on with numbers so they can fulfil their potential at work, home and school. Our work improves how people understand and work with numbers in everyday life, sparking better opportunities and brighter futures.

National Numeracy volunteers enhance our work to support children in the UK to develop positive attitudes towards numeracy, overcome their barriers and start their journey to improved numeracy – you won't be expected to teach maths, but instead offer support and encouragement to others. Our volunteers will inspire children to see the value of maths in the real world.

Volunteering is a new programme for National Numeracy. We are looking forward to delivering our training and activities with your organisation and thank you in advance for your time and enthusiasm.

Why volunteer?

- Share your skills to inspire children to see the value of maths in the real world.
- Develop your knowledge and skills through our training.
- Demonstrate and develop your planning, communication, presentation skills and confidence through our school activities.
- Use your time to make a meaningful difference.

What will I be required to do?

- Complete our volunteer registration form.
- Complete a 90-minute training session covering numeracy in the UK, the impact of poor numeracy, maths anxiety, methods to promote number confidence, safeguarding and activity delivery.
- Adhere to National Numeracy's Volunteer Agreement including the Safeguarding Summary.
- If you want to visit a school known to you (for example your children's school, your old primary school or a school you are a governor at) then you will liaise with the school to book your visit, letting us know the date and time of the session and a contact at the school. We will provide an initial email to assist with this.
- Deliver a short talk in a school assembly or class about everyday numeracy, your maths journey and career.*
- Support our teacher led Maths in the Real World class lesson looking at how other people use maths in their careers and hobbies.*
- Complete feedback surveys to help us to develop our volunteering training and activities to be as impactful as possible for volunteers and beneficiaries.

*Volunteers will deliver one or both sessions in one or more schools. These sessions will be face-to-face, where you can meet the pupils in person. We will provide guidance notes and an assembly plan for you to adapt and we will make all the arrangements with the schools.

Person Specification

Essential

- Commitment and enthusiasm for National Numeracy's mission.
- Passionate about helping others.
- Trustworthy, with a friendly, enthusiastic, and empathetic manor.
- Reliable, punctual and able to work collaboratively with fellow volunteers and schools.
- Good and confident communication skills with both adults and children.
- Fluent English speaker.
- Adherence to National Numeracy's Volunteer Agreement including the Safeguarding Summary, Health and Safety Policy and Equality and Diversity Policy.
- Ability and willingness to travel to the designated school within town or city local to your office or home.
- 18+.

Desirable

- Experience facilitating or motivating children and young people (this experience could be through volunteering or a background in teaching or a similar role or through caring for children).

This programme will prioritise areas of greater need across the UK by supporting our Schools & Families programme schools. We are particularly looking for volunteers able to visit schools in the following areas - Scotland (Glasgow area and Dunfermline), Northern Ireland (Belfast area), North East, North West, Greater Manchester, Calderdale and Leeds, East Midlands, West Midlands (Birmingham , Wolverhampton), Stoke on Trent, Cambridgeshire (Wisbech), Wales (Cardiff area), London, Bournemouth and Cornwall.

We welcome volunteers from diverse backgrounds that are often under-represented in STEM careers. We want to challenge stereotypes children may have about the world of work.

If you require any reasonable adjustments for the registration form, training or volunteering opportunities please do let us know by contacting us as below or by outlining on the registration form.

Our registration form asks all potential volunteers if they have any unspent convictions, you are also required to give your home address and date of birth. We require this information as part of our legal obligation of meeting our safeguarding responsibilities. More information can be found on our registration form and our [Volunteer Privacy Policy](#).

This role description is a general outline of activities and requirements and may be amended as National Numeracy develop and pilot new activities and the role grows. For further information about this role description please contact Laura Hill, Volunteering Manager, laura@nationalnumeracy.org.uk.