

Joining Southend Hospital Radio



Thanks for your interest in volunteering with Southend Hospital Radio.

We are always on the lookout for more people to join our team, and there are a number of ways that you may be able to help:

Volunteering Opportunities:

- **Visiting the wards.** This is a key function of what we do. Our team regularly visits patients on the various different wards of Southend Hospital. We typically visit on weekday evenings between 6:30pm and 8pm. Our Ward Visitors typically work in pairs, or in a small group, to tell patients about our service, explain how to listen to us, and to take requests for our Request Shows.
- **Fundraising.** We rely on charity donations to keep the station running. Activities in the past have included high street collections, charity walks, outside events and sponsored events. We're always looking for people to help out, or to come up with new and innovative ways to raise money to keep us on-air.
- **Presenting.** We broadcast live programmes 7 days a week. Our busiest shows are the weekday evening request shows, and new recruits are encouraged to start out on these shows as part of a team reading requests that have been collected from the patients. There are also opportunities to assist on other shows, to gain experience of the different styles and show formats that we offer. For those looking to present their own shows, training is available and once a certain technical and programming level of experience has been gained, members have the chance to host their own shows.
- **Other activities.** We are also on the lookout for people to help with other activities, such as administration, audio production, promotion, engineering as well as serving on the committee.



Our Requirements:

Southend Hospital Radio is a charity and our volunteers must abide by our Charity Constitution and our Code of Conduct. All of our team are unpaid volunteers. Ideally, we are looking for people who can offer their free time on a regular basis as part of a team.

On completion of 20 hours of volunteering, you can apply for membership. An annual membership fee of £25 applies, payable each January. This is discounted for those joining in the second half of the year. For safeguarding purposes, Ward visitors will be required to complete a DBS background check.

We cannot accept applications from anyone under the age of 16.

Next Steps:

If you are interested in finding out more, the first step is normally for us to arrange a visit to our studios (at the rear of Southend Hospital's tower block). Typically, this will be on a weekday evening, between the hours of 6 and 10pm. On the first visit, you can meet our team and find out if Southend Hospital Radio is for you.

To apply, use the online application form on our website, where you'll also be able to find out more about what we do. Alternatively, call us between 7pm and 9pm weekdays on 01702 338181

Thanks for your interest, and we hope you'll consider becoming part of our team.

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