

Being a Member of the Daisy Chain



Pushing up
the Daisies

The Daisy Chain is our network of volunteers across Scotland.

The work of the Daisy Chain is guided by our charitable purposes and key messages.

Currently most of the work is in promoting the charity's messages. Our vision is that as the public become more aware of their rights and options when someone dies, members of the Daisy Chain will provide locally relevant advice to support people when a death has recently occurred or is imminent. They can also assist people to prepare locally relevant after death plans in advance.

Members of the Daisy Chain are responsible to a named charity trustee and work from home. They have the opportunity to contribute as their availability, skills and interest determine.

The Commitment

Members of the Daisy Chain agree to keep updated with the charity's work, attend annual training days and do at least one of the following each year:

1. Publicise Pushing Up the Daisies in their local area generally and at specific events.
2. Speak about Pushing Up the Daisies work at a local community group.
3. Represent Pushing Up the Daisies at local/national awareness raising events and conferences.
4. Facilitate local introductory workshops and Round the Table meetings.
5. Take part in Pushing Up the Daisies campaigns nationally and locally.

As the profile of our work develops there may also be the opportunity to provide telephone, zoom or face to face 1.2.1 advice and support for the general public and for people making after death plans.

If this commitment feels too much right now, please speak to us about other ways you can become involved in supporting our work.

Skills and Qualities for the Role

The skills and qualities required for this role are:

- good interpersonal and communication skills
- be nonjudgmental in your interactions and be able to set aside your personal beliefs about after death processes and behaviour
- have an approachable manner
- have the ability to remain calm and focused in an uncomfortable or emotional environment
- have the ability to function effectively in an environment where death and bereavement are regularly discussed

What we Provide to Support the Work

We provide to members of the Daisy Chain:

1. Printed information leaflets and cards for publicising our work
2. Free access to an annual training and information day
3. Option to attend an online Daisy support meeting every 6-8 weeks
4. Ongoing support via email, telephone and zoom
5. An annual review meeting
6. A named trustee for support
7. An ID badge
8. Insurance whilst volunteering for the charity and also public liability insurance for events
9. Agreed out of pocket expenses incurred whilst volunteering
10. Paperwork for 1.2.1 support and after death planning, where appropriate.

Additionally, once they are preparing to begin activity we provide a demonstration 'Daisy Bag' with materials relating to home death.

Are you Ready to Join Us?

The first step is to complete our After the Last Breath online course (and attend most live sessions). If this is not possible e.g. because of timing, then speak to us about completing the self-paced modules.

Then complete an application form we provide at the end of the course, with 2 references, and sign up to the Daisy Chain Code of Conduct.