

National Walking Festivals Advisory Group Member – Volunteer Role Description



The Advisory Group

We want to recruit 6-8 people to sit on a new National Walking Festivals Advisory Group.

From 2018, we will be showcasing our walking activities twice a year through GB-wide walking festivals: Festival of Winter Walks and Walk About. This is made possible thanks to an award from the players of People's Postcode Lottery.

Our national walking festivals help us to attract new people to discover the joys and benefits of walking and to keep walking with the Ramblers and with the support of the players of People's Postcode Lottery, we want them to be bigger and better than ever. We are recruiting a volunteer advisory group to help us to develop our plans for future festivals.

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for positive and enthusiastic volunteers who are interested in contributing to the development of our plans for Ramblers national walking festivals. Advisory group members will have the chance to make a meaningful difference to a key aspect of our work.

Please note the advisory group will not be a representative or decision-making body, but an advice-giving and working group.

Time commitment

An initial meeting (anticipated as half a day) will be held in March/April 2017 to support the development of a theme for the festivals, with a particular focus on Walk About. The group will operate till the end of Spring 2018 and it is envisaged a further 2-3 meetings will take place during this timeframe, but the group will meet depending on the work needed and further meetings will be discussed by the group at the first meeting. Email will also be used to seek input from the group at key programme stages. Depending on the locations of volunteers who are recruited to the group, we will look into meeting in as central a location as possible.



Skills and competencies

- Experience of having taken part in previous nationwide Ramblers walking festivals
- Willingness to share knowledge, experience and to offer considered opinions
- An ability to approach meetings with an open mind and with a willingness to contribute constructively
- An ability to motivate and enthuse others about the programme outside of the advisory group and to promote the walking festivals in a positive manner
- A commitment to and empathy with the charitable aims of the Ramblers

Responsibilities of Walking Festival Advisory Group Members

- To support a successful outcome for national walking festivals.
- To have an understanding and empathy with our charitable aims and objectives
- To contribute based on own experience and expertise and not as representatives of a group, area, programme, or Ramblers governance body.
- To share knowledge, experience and to offer considered opinions.
- To approach meetings with an open mind and with a willingness to contribute constructively.
- To motivate and enthuse others about the programme outside of the Advisory Group and to talk about the programme in a positive manner.
- To provide suggestions and advice about the direction and focus of national walking festivals as plans progress.
- To play an active role in meetings and wider communications of the advisory group.

How to get involved

To express your interest in being a member of the advisory group, please email volunteersupport@ramblers.zendesk.com, giving your answers to the following two questions (no more than 600 words overall):

1. How do you feel you meet this role description?
2. What would you hope to contribute to the advisory group?
3. We're looking at three possible dates for the first meeting: **29th March, 4th April and 7th April**: please outline your availability for these.

The deadline is **5pm, Monday 6th March 2017**. We'll then be back in touch by 13th March.

