



# StreetDoctors

## Teaching Volunteer Recruitment Pack



# Introduction

**If you're a trainee doctor, paramedic or nurse or are qualified in any of these professions, StreetDoctors could be for you.**

StreetDoctors is a youth social action movement. Our network of healthcare volunteers teach lifesaving skills to 11-25 year olds at risk of youth violence across the UK. Our work empowers young people to keep themselves and others safe.

In StreetDoctors sessions young people learn about the true medical consequences of violent injuries. Just as importantly, discussions are facilitated about their attitudes towards violence and willingness to act in a medical emergency.

# Who can be a StreetDoctors volunteer?

- 📄 **Student medics, nurses or paramedics OR qualified junior doctors, nurses or paramedics** aged between 18 – 30 years of age.
  - 📄 Someone that can give a **2 year commitment** to teaching other young people lifesaving skills.
  - 📄 Someone that is **passionate about young people** being part of the solution to ending youth violence.
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## Why reducing youth violence matters

- 📄 **Violence is the third leading cause of death of young people in Europe.** Some of these deaths happen because the people present do not know what to do; they panic and don't call for help.
- 📄 **Education is prevention.** Sharing your knowledge and skills with young people increases their likelihood of knowing what to do in a medical emergency, so they can be lifesavers in their communities.
- 📄 **Young people need role models.** Giving your time to young people creates an opportunity for them to ask questions, learn in a safe space and encourage them to make positive choices.



“Everyone needs to have this kind of teaching. I wouldn't panic, I'd be able to help someone. People get stabbed in my area all the time, and now I just want to be there. I could be calm, I'd know what to do, I could help.” - **Young Person**

# What will I be doing as a StreetDoctors volunteer?

- 📌 **Teach StreetDoctors sessions to young people**  
Volunteers deliver two sessions; “what to do when someone is bleeding” and “what to do when someone is unconscious.”  
Teaching sessions last 60-90 minutes and happen at a variety of venues. For example, Pupil Referral Units, Youth Offending Teams, schools, colleges, youth clubs, youth charities and sports schemes.
- 📌 **Run your own local teams**  
If you’re interested, you can take on a specific role within your team and develop your leaderships skills. Some roles meet nationally with other volunteers across the UK, supporting all aspects of the charity.
- 📌 **Represent StreetDoctors**  
Take part in press or media interviews to talk about StreetDoctors work. Present and contribute to StreetDoctors impact research at conferences.



# How do I get involved?

- 📄 Every year each team holds an Information evening and separate Auditions at the start of the academic year Sept/Oct to recruit new Teaching Volunteers.
- 📄 Auditions are an opportunity for you to teach something to others. The topic is your choice and you'll have two minutes to engage and teach others!
- 📄 If successful at Auditions, you will become a member of your local team and be **required** to attend the annual National Training Day held each autumn. This event is free of charge and travel is paid for.
- 📄 To find out where our local teams are based [visit our teams page](#)



“StreetDoctors has the most outstanding community of volunteers I have ever experienced. From local team meetings to national events, you always feel like you are part of a bigger movement where together we can make a real difference. I have become a more rounded person and feel altogether more ready to face working life equipped with so many new skills..” - Volunteer

# What can you expect from StreetDoctors as a volunteer

- 📄 **Full training** so that you are ready to be a proficient teacher in your local area. Including:
  - o How to teach a StreetDoctors session
  - o Safeguarding children level 1
  - o Legal issues surrounding violent crime
  - o E-modules about haemorrhage control, CPR and the recovery position
- 📄 **Expenses reimbursed** – We don't expect you to be out of pocket while doing great work for StreetDoctors.
- 📄 **Certification** for all the hours you give to StreetDoctors and references (where appropriate).
- 📄 **A rewarding experience that broadens your horizons.** You will meet new and interesting people (young people in your community, fellow volunteers and other professionals).
- 📄 **Networking.** Many influential people are interested in what we do and there are lots of healthcare professionals like yourself.
- 📄 **Be part of a social movement** of healthcare volunteers who are invested in ending youth violence in their communities across the UK.
- 📄 Access to a **friendly staff team** should you ever need assistance in your volunteer role.
- 📄 **Develop your portfolio** for any career path.
- 📄 **Fun!** Not only is volunteering with young people fun, it's enjoyable and you will learn a lot too from teaching in a variety of settings.

“It has been the best decision I made at uni! There are a lot of charities you can be a part of, but at StreetDoctors you actually get involved and can teach vulnerable young people key lifesaving skills. Not only that, but you can get involved with the charity on a national level, contributing ideas to the direction it takes.” - **Volunteer**

# What does StreetDoctors expect from a volunteer?

- 📄 **At least a 2 year commitment.** This allows you to get the most from your volunteer experience.
- 📄 **Attend a free compulsory training event** for new volunteers in the Autumn.
- 📄 **Complete a DBS or PVG application form** that is registered with the Update Service.
- 📄 **Be part of your team,** attending your local meetings where you'll receive updates from each other.
- 📄 **Be proactive** in signing up to deliver SIX teaching sessions to young people every year. Made easier as there are sessions happening all over the UK!
- 📄 **Support your local team** with reaching goals you all agree together, e.g. teaching young people, gathering data, inputting data online and fundraising. These are all vital tasks to keep StreetDoctors doing what we do!
- 📄 **Be vocal.** If there is something you don't like or something you think could be done better, let us know!
- 📄 **Enjoy yourself!** StreetDoctors is an exciting and dynamic organisation, with varied volunteer and paid opportunities available for you to develop yourself.



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