



Hello Champions

We would like to share a bit more about the work Community Action MK has been involved in throughout the pandemic.

We have been blown away by the support that community members want to offer both locally and MK wide. We have our [Expression of interest form](#) that you can use to sign up and express an interest in volunteering alongside your COVID-19 Community Champion role.

We have been in a fortunate position where we have had more volunteers than roles available, so it might just take time to get everyone into roles.

Here is [one example](#) of a community organisation, Branch Out MK, adapting during this time. Many other groups are continuing to adjust services and having people willing and able to volunteer makes this possible.

Since the beginning of the pandemic the needs of residents and challenges they are facing have grown massively. [Fareshare](#) initially transitioned their services to provide free food boxes for residents across MK. They set up and worked with a range of community hubs to distribute this food and over 200 volunteers have gone through us to support Fareshare in making up food parcels. As their services continue to grow and change, they will need voluntary support. A [message](#) from SOFEA (Fareshare).

Other roles volunteers have been involved in during Covid-19 include supporting [MK Play association](#) with the making of scrapbooks and recently we have supported a health centre with volunteers to provide patient reassurance for their first 'drive in' flu clinic, a service in high demand at the moment.

We would also like to ask that if you have any of the following skills you could get in touch. You may be able to support groups to develop their services in these challenging times.

Skills:

- Funding applications experience
- Language skills / translation
- Data management and research

Our weekly newsletter shares a range of information and opportunities, including the various volunteering roles that aren't directly linked to Covid-19 but are vital to groups reaching their service users. Please sign up [here](#).

Best,

CA:MK Team