



## Volunteer Newsletter



*Hello Volunteer !*

Welcome to our May Volunteer Newsletter.

Many thanks to all of you who have volunteered with us over the past month, whether in your regular role, where you tirelessly turn out week after week to help us and our clients, or to support one of our events or collection days. We have lots more coming up, so please see below for more ways to get involved.

1 – 7 June is National Volunteering Week and provides an opportunity to recognise the massive contribution that volunteers make to our organisation. In recognition of the scaling up of SPEAR operations across all 5 SW London boroughs, we are planning a small Volunteer event in Putney on the morning of Saturday, 2nd June. More details to follow, but we would love to see you there!

You cannot have escaped the fact that a new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will come into force on 25th May. In order to ensure we comply with this we will be updating our privacy statements and sharing these with you. As part of this we may also ask you to confirm that you still wish to receive these Volunteer Newsletters, so please look out for these emails and respond accordingly. You can of course re-subscribe or unsubscribe at any point.

Have a lovely May and enjoy the sunshine!

*Julie*

*Volunteer Coordinator*

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*Christine Reay, Volunteer Hub Receptionist and SPEAR Trustee*

This month the spotlight falls on yet another of our wonderful Volunteer Receptionists, Christine, who covers our Hub reception on a Thursday. She has also recently been appointed a trustee of Spear.

Christine's background is as a private client lawyer in the City and one of her specialisms was charity law. She has always worked as a trustee for local charities, such as The Kew Society and The Richmond Society. She was also a magistrate on The Richmond Bench for some years.

Christine has been volunteering at Spear for nearly three years. She particularly enjoys working with the staff and meeting the clients. 'It is such a worthwhile charity', she says, 'that it is a privilege to be able to help to some extent'.

Now that she is retired from full time work, Christine enjoys going to concerts and the theatre, singing and learning the piano. "It is so good", she says, "to have the leisure to see friends who share my interests".

*Thank you Christine!*



***Twickenham Station Collection Day – Thursday, 17th May***

Could you (not) shake a tin for SPEAR? Volunteers needed to help out for an hour or two between 7.30 – 9.30am or 5 – 7pm. Please contact **Bruce** if you are able to help.

***Are you a dab hand with a paint brush?***

One of our hostel clients has moved into a new flat and is looking for some help with painting some doors and skirting boards before the carpets go in ASAP! If you are able to help – or know someone who can, please **let us know**. *The volunteer will need to have a current DBS.*

***Putney Busk & Collection Day – Saturday, 2nd June***

The fantastic MaNonTroppo Clarinet Quartet, who also played at our 30th Anniversary Event, will be doing a 'busk' at the Putney Exchange Shopping Centre in aid of SPEAR. Again we are looking for volunteers who could help with collecting and engaging with members of the public. If you could help for an hour or two

between midday and 3.30pm, please contact **Joy** in our fundraising team.

*Are you in a music group, band, or choir?* Or do you know someone who is and might be interested in doing a 'local' (Richmond, Kingston, Wandsworth, Merton, Sutton) busk or gig to raise money for SPEAR. We can arrange bookings and licences. Please contact the **fundraising** team if you can help.

*Volunteering Fair, Richmond. Thursday, 7th June*

SPEAR will once again have a stand at this annual volunteer recruitment event, which takes place at RACC and we are looking for a few volunteers to cover a 'shift' between 2pm and 6pm. A basic knowledge about SPEAR as an organisation, and about volunteering with us, would be helpful, but more important is your ability to speak confidently to the general public and engage people with our cause. Let **me** know if you are interested and available to help.

*SPEAR Information Stall, Wimbledon – Saturday, 9th June*

We are looking for volunteers to wo/man our SPEAR Information stall in Wimbledon Piazza for an hour or two – as above engaging with the general public and talking about SPEAR (we can brief you beforehand). Times to be confirmed but will be throughout the day (10am – approx. 3pm). Please contact **Joy** in our fundraising team if you are able to help.



**SAVE THE DATE: Volunteer 'Breakfast' – Saturday, 2nd June, Putney**

To tie in with the MaNonTroppo 'Busk' (above) in Putney Exchange on Saturday, 2nd June, and as part of **Volunteers Week**, we are planning a Volunteer 'Breakfast' in Putney in the morning. Venue and details to be confirmed, but please save the date for now and details will follow.



To keep up with all the SPEAR news, check out our website, and follow us on **Facebook**, **Twitter** and **Instagram**. Liking and sharing our posts and tweets is a great way to raise awareness of our work!

Thank you!



Our recruitment at SPEAR continues. Right now we are recruiting to the following positions:

- *Finance Director! (closing date 30th May)*
- *Sessional Workers & Night Workers (ongoing)*

More details and application packs [here](#).

Please share with your networks!

*Do you shop online? Did you know that many internet stores will donate a percentage of your purchase to SPEAR at no extra cost to you if you access their website through [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk)*

*Registering takes a couple of minutes and after that every e-purchase you make could help support our work.*

*Thank you!*

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