

Church Representative Role Description

Thank you for considering volunteering with The Leprosy Mission England and Wales (TLMEW). We hope you will become part of our family as we build relationships with churches and groups sharing our passion to reach out to people affected by leprosy. Jesus gave us our mandate and example and we strive to do what he did first and honour his heart for some of the world's most marginalised and stigmatised peoples.

We hope through volunteering with us you will become part of our team in seeing people who suffer from leprosy set free.



Churches are our family here at The Leprosy Mission and we strive to maintain and strengthen our relationships with them. Churches are key to proclaiming our message and engaging with people who we consider to be our brothers and sisters.

Purpose of the role

As a church representative you will be the voice in your church, representing TLMEW and the people affected by leprosy that we work with. You will be passionate about our work and able to represent us and encourage your church to get involved with activities we are running especially, World Leprosy Sunday. You will also engage your church with our New Day Magazine and enable people to be updated with our work.

Typical tasks include:

- To encourage your church to get involved with World Leprosy Sunday (January- April). To hold a service or meeting dedicated to people affected by leprosy
- Partner and communicate with us as one of our supporting churches
- Distribute materials with your local church especially, New Day, ASK Prayer Diary and any other updates
- Collect donations from your church and process them to us - this can be done through yourselves or your church treasurer (Don't worry, we will inform you on how to do this)
- Hold a fundraising event at least once a year in support of TLMEW – we can provide you with a fundraising booklet to help you!

What we can offer you?

We will fully support you throughout your volunteering experience. There will be many people who will help you with any issues you may have including:

- Regional Managers.
 - You will be assigned a Regional Manager who will be able to direct and support you whilst you are a church rep. They will be able to assist you in World Leprosy Sunday Services and invite you to local supporter meetings helping you to engage with other volunteers and supporters
- Local Volunteer Speakers
 - Will support you and will be able to speak at your church services and mid-week groups
- Supporter Care
 - This is a team based in our Peterborough office who will be able to provide you with resources and ongoing help via the telephone and email
- The Volunteer Handbook
 - We will provide you with a guide which will assist you in your volunteering experience providing you with templates of forms, answered questions and contact details

In order for us to communicate with you efficiently you will need to provide us with an email address – preferably this will be your own but if you don't currently have email access we can take someone who you will have close contact with.

If you have any more questions, please do contact us. If you would like to become a representative, please fill out the application form and return to helenw@tlmew.org.uk.

We can't thank you enough for volunteering your time and committing to the work of TLMEW.