Research Volunteer

Are you passionate about changing the way we treat animals? Do you want to help reduce damage to our environment? Do you want to get people to enjoy healthy vegan food that looks good and tastes great?

The Vegan Society makes veganism more accessible and an easily adopted approach by supporting individuals, policy and decision makers, caterers, manufacturers, health care professionals and the media.

Why do we need you?

Our staff members work on a wide variety of projects and tasks. Volunteers can help to speed up projects or expand our reach by fulfilling desk-based research tasks.

What does the role involve?

This is an ad hoc role but will typically involve receiving one research task per week. Examples of tasks recently completed by volunteers include:

- Finding details of foodbanks in the UK and adding them to a spreadsheet
- Looking into the GDP of economically developing countries and collating a list of these
- Finding out what the current definition of low-income is, and what other charities do to support low-income members to access their services
- Collating a comparison chart of different plant milks

What training and support is available?

The Volunteering and Engagement Officer will conduct quarterly one to one’s to ensure that the volunteering experience is meeting expectations. Training is not deemed necessary for this role but each task will be introduced with a full brief, and the staff member who provides the task will be available for questions and support.

What skills would be useful in doing this role?

- Good Microsoft Office competency.
- Strong research skills.
- An awareness and knowledge of vegan current affairs.
- Confidence to communicate any training or support needs.
- Ability to work independently.

What does my availability need to be?
This role varies significantly in time required depending on the brief, you will only ever be expected to take on a task that you have reasonable time to complete. Ideally, we would like all volunteers to be available for around 4-8 hours a month.

Who does this role report to?

The Volunteering and Engagement Officer

Who can I contact to find out more?

You can contact Kaya (Volunteering and Engagement Officer) on volunteer@vegansociety.com, or you can call on 0121 523 1730.