

Volunteer Role Description

Strategic Organiser

Purpose	Work with The Reader to build a sustainable <i>Shared Reading</i> project that improves wellbeing and reduces social isolation in your area
Key activities	<p>Strategic Organisers are vital championing roles that underpin the growth of <i>Shared Reading</i> across the UK. Sparking projects to grow and become sustainable on a local level, Organiser's activities include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a vision and action plan for <i>Shared Reading</i> in your community • Working with your existing/new networks to select venues, partners and people best placed to set up <i>Shared Reading</i> groups that will have real impact on the lives of people living in your community/using your services • Working closely with The Reader's Development and Communications team to showcase and extend the projects' impact
We hope this role offers you...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An exciting challenge and a pioneering opportunity to bring <i>Shared Reading</i> into the lives of people and organisations you care most about • A stimulating and inspiring relationship with The Reader • A chance to build your professional and personal networks • A space to utilise and/or develop your personal and professional skills
The Reader hopes you can...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay connected with The Reader on a regular basis • Influence change and build up a programme from a standing start • Be open, reliable and solution-focused • Work in harmony with The Reader's ethos and values
Recruitment and Support Journey	<p>The time commitment for this role will vary depending on the scope and ambition of your project! We anticipate up to 3 hours a week in the first few months of the role, but this is extremely flexible and will depend on how you wish to implement the activities. We do ask that you commit to a minimum of six months though, to ensure we have enough time to build something meaningful with you.</p>
Application Process	<p>The Reader has a strong track record in delivering high quality services. Making sure that we have the right people in the right roles is an organisational priority and extends to our volunteering community. As part of the recruitment process for this role we'll invite you to a <i>Shared Reading</i> group/information session, to complete an application form and attend a one-to-one meeting. We'll also request references. As we would with any role, paid or unpaid, we will talk to you openly about any reservations we identify that result in our decision not to offer you a placement with a Reading Group.</p>
Training and support	



	Bespoke training and planning workshops will be provided on a quarterly basis and monthly calls/meetings with The Reader will give you regular opportunities for support and connection
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Team Organiser

Purpose	Work with The Reader to support shared volunteers in your area, ensuring projects are delivered to a standard that ensures they can improve wellbeing and reduce social isolation in your area
Key activities	<p>Team Organisers are vital linchpins that underpin the growth of high-quality <i>Shared Reading</i> activity across the UK. Supporting other volunteers to deliver purposeful and effective <i>Shared Reading</i> groups in your area, Team Organiser's activities can include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying potential Reader Leaders in your local community and encouraging them to apply to The Reader's training and support programme • Being a point of contact for Reader Leaders in the area, helping to arrange cover for groups and sharing resources/providing access to them • Running peer-to-peer support meetings and shared reflection visits for Reader Leaders and feeding back to The Reader about further training and support requirements
We hope this role offers you...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An exciting challenge and a pioneering opportunity to bring great <i>Shared Reading</i> to people and organisations you care most about • A stimulating and inspiring relationship with The Reader • A chance to build your own <i>Shared Reading</i>/literary expertise • A space to utilise and/or develop your personal and professional skills
The Reader hopes you can...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay connected with The Reader on a regular basis • Influence change and build up a programme from a standing start • Be open, reliable and solution-focused • Work in harmony with The Reader's ethos and values
Recruitment and Support Journey	The time commitment for this role will vary depending on the scope and ambition of your project! We anticipate up to 3 hours a week in the first few months of the role, but this is extremely flexible and will depend on how you wish to implement the activities. We do ask that you commit to a minimum of six months though, to ensure we have enough time to build something meaningful with you.
Application Process	The Reader has a strong track record in delivering high quality services. Making sure that we have the right people in the right roles is an organisational priority



	<p>and extends to our volunteering community. As part of the recruitment process for this role we'll invite you to a <i>Shared Reading</i> group/information session, to complete an application form and attend a one-to-one meeting. You will need to have some experience delivering <i>Shared Reading</i> groups and an ability to discuss what quality <i>Shared Reading</i> practice looks like and why it matters. We'll also request references. As we would with any role, paid or unpaid, we will talk to you openly about any reservations we identify that result in our decision not to offer you a placement.</p>
<p>Training and support</p>	<p>Bespoke training and planning workshops will be provided on a quarterly basis and monthly calls/meetings with The Reader will give you regular opportunities for support and connection</p>