Volunteer Role Description: Local Champions

Purpose of the role:

CBF Local Champions raise awareness of the Challenging Behaviour Foundation (CBF) and of issues for people whose behaviour challenges in their local area. The CBF is a small national charity with a small staff team who alone don’t have the capacity to reach as many families across the UK as we’d like to. Therefore we need the help of dedicated volunteers around the country to give more people in need of our support the opportunity to access our information and support.

Tasks involved in the role:

Volunteers can champion the CBF in their area by attending relevant learning disability events, speaking to people about the work of the CBF and distributing CBF publicity and information materials.

Local Champions use their skills and interests to make this role their own and are encouraged to discuss ideas with other Local Champions and CBF staff, who will offer ongoing support. They use their formal and informal networks to increase involvement and to encourage individuals and organisations to sign up to the Challenging Behaviour Charter. Local Champions can take a lead role in organising fundraising events in their area and encouraging others to do so.

Local Champions make CBF staff aware of events, news and issues in their area: inform the CBF Fundraiser about fundraising opportunities and contact the CBF Volunteer Coordinator about other news.

Skills/experience needed:

- Local Champions should be personally or professionally involved in the care and support of people with learning disabilities and behaviour that challenges.
- They should share the CBF’s values (see volunteer handbook) and be dedicated to raising awareness and advocating for the CBF and the people the CBF supports.
- They should understand the range of work the CBF is involved in and keep up to date with developments.
- They should be confident in speaking to new people and keen to work in partnership with families and professionals.

Time commitment:

This can vary from an occasional role to a very involved role, depending on how much time the volunteer can offer. The CBF would like Local Champions to dedicate as much time as they can to this role, but if there is little involvement from an area, then any ‘championing’ there is beneficial.