



Caritas Ambassador – Social Action/Environment

Caritas Portsmouth is the social and environmental action team of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, and we are here to support parishes and schools hear and respond “to the cry of the earth and cry of the poor” (Laudato Si’)

Caritas Ambassadors are an integral part of the Caritas network of volunteers who are responding to this cry across the Diocese. The main role is to build connections between the Caritas team and groups and/or Caritas Community Reps within a pastoral area, to support the formation of thriving missionary communities responding to local needs. Caritas Ambassadors will also form the backbone of a response team, able to add support to suddenly emerging needs that arise quickly, either across the diocese or in specific areas.

The role involves

- Engaging with active social action / environmental groups and Caritas Community Reps within your pastoral area.
- Being a point of contact for new and emerging social or environmental actions within your pastoral area, helping to link with Caritas Community Reps and Caritas.
- Helping to identify possible social or environmental action projects or partnerships within the wider community in with Caritas Community Reps.
- Keeping your pastoral area community informed of the latest news, updates, volunteer opportunities and resources from Caritas.
- Arranging for one of our Caritas staff team or volunteers to visit your pastoral area to talk about our work.
- Liaising with Caritas so we aware of any specific needs e.g. training, resources etc.
- Helping to raise awareness of any Caritas events, campaigns and appeals within your pastoral area with Caritas Community Reps.
- Helping to organize or support fundraising activities.

Personal Attributes

- Be an active member of your pastoral area.
- Be a friendly, respectful and effective communicator.
- Be committed to building a better world through practical activity, linking faith and action.
- Be able to uphold Catholic ethos and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.
- It will be helpful but not essential to have some experience of managing volunteers.

We will make sure you have all the support and resources you need for your role. This will include the Caritas Community volunteer’s newsletter and invitation to the Caritas volunteer events so you can meet volunteers in other parishes to share knowledge, experience and ideas.

For more information or to apply please email us at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk