

STAMMA Affiliation Volunteer

STAMMA offers an affiliation programme where organisations can link with STAMMA and get access to regular workshops and a quarterly newsletter. This allows us to build relationships with organisations over time, helping them to work in ways that are inclusive for their staff who stammer. We have several affiliation streams, one of which is specifically for trade unions. The following national unions are currently affiliated with STAMMA: CWU (Communication Workers Union), GMB (General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trade Union), BFAWU (Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Union), and SWU (Social Workers Union). We also have branches of RMT (Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers), PCS (Public and Commercial Services) and Unite as affiliates, as well as several trade union councils.

We are currently recruiting 2-3 affiliation volunteers to work within our affiliation programme for trade unions. This is primarily an administrative role, working with trade unions at various levels. This will involve reaching out to trade unions and building up contacts with them, letting them know about STAMMA and our support services, as well as our affiliation programme and what it can bring to trade unions. It will also involve giving online presentations to trade union groups and writing articles for the affiliation newsletters.

Basic information

Hours	Ideally 4 hours per week (split between a Monday afternoon another day of your choice)
Day and time	1 hour at 2pm on Tuesday afternoons + 3 hours at days and times that are convenient for you (can include evenings)
Location	Home-based
Supported by	Gary Clark (STAMMA's volunteer Trade Union Liaison Officer and Kirsten Howells (STAMMA's Services Director)

What does the role involve?

Working with other volunteers in our Trade Union Affiliation Team, we're hoping you'll feel comfortable to:

- Reach out to trade unions on email (or by phone if you're comfortable to do so) to build relationships and outline STAMMA's support and affiliation programme
- Keep in regular contact with existing affiliates, including sending out quarterly newsletters
- Respond to email contacts and requests from our affiliates as required
- Attend occasional online meetings with various Trade Unions to outline the role of STAMMA and what affiliation would mean to them.
- Do co-presenting and solo presentations to trade union groups once you are comfortable doing them, using PowerPoint to Trade Unions of various sizes
- Drafting articles for the quarterly newsletters

What support would you get?

You'll work through some online training modules for volunteers working in this service, and will also have one-to-one training and support from Gary Clark (STAMMA's volunteer Trade Union Liaison Officer). Further support will be provided by Kirsten Howells (STAMMA's Services Director).

Weekly planning meetings with Gary and the other trade union volunteers on Tuesdays at 2pm.

As you start to feel more comfortable within the role, you'll begin to take the lead on emails, meetings and presentations but with continued support from Gary.

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Who might enjoy this volunteer role?

You're likely to enjoy volunteering with the trade unions stream of STAMMA's affiliation scheme if you:

- have good administration skills
- are able to understand written and spoken English
- are good at writing emails and documents in an easy-to-read style
- are comfortable speaking and using the chat function in online meetings
- enjoy presenting or are keen to become more comfortable presenting
- are passionate about making the world of work a better place for people who stammer
- are familiar with the way trade unions work, or are interested to develop a specialism in this area

It's not essential to stammer if you are interested in volunteering with us, but you may particularly enjoy this role if you do. Your personal experience of stammering can be very useful!

Other information

You will need a quiet place where you can work in relative privacy and not be overheard during online calls. Access to your own computer or laptop is essential.

As a volunteer you can, of course, step back from the role at any time. However, both you and the service are likely to get most out of the opportunity if you're able to volunteer with us for 12 months or more. By gradually learning and developing your confidence in the role, you can have the biggest impact.

This is a volunteer role and is unpaid.

For more information

If you have any questions, or to express an interest in volunteering in this role, please email us at employmentsupport@stamma.org or phone Kirsten on 02045 824 130. We'd love to hear from you!