

Société Alzheimer Society

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The Alzheimer Society of Canada believes that people with dementia have a right to be meaningfully engaged in the work that we do.

We are therefore pleased to offer the following volunteer opportunity.

Position: Member, Alzheimer Society of Canada Advisory Group

Position Description

The Alzheimer Society of Canada (ASC) is inviting Canadians who have been diagnosed with a form of dementia to be members of its Advisory Group. The Advisory Group's overarching purpose is to help guide ASC in its operations by drawing on their "lived experience" of dementia.

ASC's Advisory Group will ideally be comprised of one representative from each province, reflecting the diversity of Canada as well as the diversity of experiences of living with dementia. ASC therefore invites applications from people with all forms of dementia, living in all regions of Canada, newly diagnosed or having lived with dementia for some time, from all cultural/ethnic backgrounds and genders. We are seeking individuals from across the country who have a keen interest and commitment to improving the lives of people living with dementia wherever they may live in Canada.

Although we are seeking members from each province, members will not be acting as representatives of people living with dementia in that province; rather, members are being asked to contribute their own lived experience to the group and its work.

Position Title: Member, Alzheimer Society of Canada Advisory Group

Purpose:

- Provide guidance to the Alzheimer Society of Canada in fulfilling its engagement plan
- Contribute to policy and advocacy work
- Raise awareness of the needs of people with dementia, including the specific needs of people living with early onset and/or early stage dementia.
- Provide input as requested into ASC's operations including its research, advocacy and knowledge transfer efforts

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Location: Meetings will be held by teleconference call.

Key Responsibilities: Advisory Group members will be required to:

- Attend Committee meetings by teleconference call (note: the cost of the teleconference calls is paid by the Alzheimer Society). Experience participating in teleconference calls is an asset.
- Participate in discussions, sharing views and experiences. All meetings will take place in English; fluency in English is therefore required.
- Review draft materials in English.

Reports to: The Director of Research & Knowledge Transfer Exchange, ASC

Length of Commitment: one year, with the possibility of renewal by mutual consent, starting (Date to be determined)

Time Commitment: Approximately 6 teleconference meetings at times/dates to be determined. Meetings are held during the day and will be no longer than 1.5 hours each.

Costs: none. All teleconference calls and materials will be paid for by ASC.

Remuneration: none. This is a volunteer position.

Support provided: One or both of the Advisory Group co-chairs will provide orientation to each candidate about this initiative and its goals prior to the first meeting so as to ensure the best fit for the group and the individual. In addition, they will be available for questions and assistance during each group member's term on the project.