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Aim: To educate 17/18 year olds about blood stem cell (bone marrow), blood and organ donation and to inspire them to register as donors.

Role: Blood cancer charity Anthony Nolan is recruiting volunteers for its Register & Be A Lifesaver (R&Be) education programme. The programme trains volunteer presenters to deliver 30-50 minute talks to 17/18 year olds in sixth forms and colleges about blood stem cell, blood and organ donation. R&Be, which operates in London, the Midlands, Bristol, Merseyside and Yorkshire, is the legacy of the late Adrian Sudbury who campaigned for better education about donation. He wanted to dispel the myths that stop many people coming forward to donate. Full training is provided by Anthony Nolan, after which volunteers can decide whether they want to progress towards delivering presentations in schools. Volunteers are provided with a full tool-kit of information, leaflets and a PowerPoint presentation on a memory stick. All you need is the passion to make a difference.

Training: A full day of training is given for this project. No training dates are currently fixed but enquiries from potential volunteers are always welcome.

Location: R&Be’s London region covers all the Greater London boroughs.

Times: Volunteers would expect to give around 5 presentations over the course of a school year. The presentations would generally be held in school hours, namely between 9am and 4pm, on weekdays.

CRB: Anthony Nolan is not required to CRB check volunteers for this programme, as the presentations take place within educational establishments and presenters are not left unsupervised with the students.

Other: This project will reimburse travel expenses.

Application: All volunteers must be registered as Community Action volunteers. To do so, visit http://www.rhul.ac.uk/services/volunteering/register.html