

Volunteer Storyteller

Where you'll be based

Home-based, your favourite place to write, or with our team in Leeds

About the role

Since the beginning of time, stories have engaged, enthused, inspired and informed people. Stories are a vital part of helping the people we're here for to feel less alone and more informed about their brain tumour journey.

We know that everybody sees experiences through a different lens, so we are always looking for gifted writers, bloggers, diarists, speakers and storytellers to use the power of narrative to inspire and engage people to seek support or get behind our vital mission.

brainstrust's volunteer story tellers work directly with the people that use our service, supporters and other volunteers to capture their perspectives, emotions and stories for the benefit of others. This vital work builds a powerful sense of purpose and community, and it articulates the incredible value of our work in an engaging, human way.

Stories are used on our website, in our newsletters and across all of our social media channels.

Skills and attributions

- **Understanding of life with a brain tumour** – you might be a patient, caregiver, family member or friend. Either way, you'll understand some of the challenges facing people with a brain tumour and their loved ones.
- **Empathy** – you'll be interacting with people who are going through, or have been through, a very distressing time. Gathering their story in a sensitive and empathetic way is of the utmost importance.
- **Communication skills** – we're looking for natural storytellers, whether that's through talking or writing. You might be interviewing people on the phone, writing up content, or recording podcasts or videos – so play to your strengths and see what tells the most powerful story.

Time commitment

Stories can take from 2 to 6 hours over a few weeks to produce if written, sometimes longer if video or sound recording is involved. There will be some weeks when you

are not working on a story, so this role is slightly more ad-hoc and doesn't require a commitment of time every week. If we know you're interested, we'll be in touch when an opportunity arises.

Find out more and apply to become a *braintrust* Storyteller

If this is something that interests you, then get in touch today. Email eve@braintrust.org.uk or call on 01983 292405