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| post applied for | Non-Religious Pastoral Support Volunteer |
| location applied for (if known) |  |

**part a: personal details**

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| full name |  |
| address |  |
| telephone |  | mobile |  | email |  |
| humanists uk membership number (if applicable) |  |

* Course costs will be met by Humanists UK for Humanists UK members. If you would like to become a member please click [here](https://humanism.org.uk/join/) to join.

**part b: references**

Please provide contact details for two referees who have known you well for several years. They will be contacted immediately if you are shortlisted and asked to say why they think you would be an excellent non-religious pastoral support volunteer.

referee one

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| name |  |
| address |  |
| email |  | telephone |  |

referee two

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| name |  |
| address |  |
| email |  | telephone |  |

**part c: experience**

We are not specifying any specific previous experience as essential for our volunteers. However, we do believe that particular kinds of experience would be helpful in pastoral support, so we are interested in any relevant experience you may have. Please give details of any experience in one or more of the following:

* Previous pastoral work
* Volunteer experience
* Experience of hospitals, hospices, prisons or any institution where pastoral support is offered
* Inter-faith work as a humanist
* Experience dealing with substance abuse, physical/emotional abuse
* Samaritans, counselling, coaching, mental health work, social work, caring profession, advisory work, education

Or any other experience which you believe to be relevant.

**give a full account of your relevant experience in the boxes below in reverse chronological order. please insert further rows if you require them, and delete those you do not use.**

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| date from (mm/yy) | date to (mm/yy) | type of occupation (employment/self-employment/voluntary work) | name and address of employer or if self-employed list major clients | summary of duties. |
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**part d: requirements**

please describe in the box below any requirements you have that we should take into account when planning your induction training. specifically, we ask you to address the following:

1. do you have any accessibility and/ or learning needs and require any reasonable adjustments? if so, how we can make the training inclusive to accommodate your needs?

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1. do you have any dietary requirements?

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1. have you had a recent significant loss? if so, how may it impact on your ability to provide pastoral support?

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1. please confirm and expand if necessary that you understand the following:
This is an open-ended role, but requires a commitment to a minimum tenure to be set by the NRPSN, and is subject to periodic review to ensure that both the NRPSN and the volunteer are happy with the work being done. Each volunteer will agree with an institution their hours/days of work depending on how much time the volunteer wishes to contribute. Typically, this is something like one half-day per week or fortnight. If you are accredited by the NRPSN following the training, you will be expected to abide by the [NRPSN Code of Conduct](https://nrpsn.org.uk/quality-assurancecomplaints-procedurecode-of-conduct/).

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please note: we try to ensure all our training venues have disabled access, but we are unable to guarantee availability of specific systems such as hearing loops.

**part e: self-assessment**

As part of this application, you must complete a self-assessment in the box below. The purpose of this exercise is to allow you and the trainers to have a better appreciation of your strengths and areas for development.

There are three parts to this assessment, each of which should be no longer than 400 words:

* part 1: an audit of what you think are your current strengths, aptitudes, abilities, and skills that are relevant to you as someone in training to be a non-religious pastoral support volunteer.
* part 2: an audit of what you think are your areas for development in the same context. these can be potential ones as well as ones you know about.
* part 3: a statement of what you hope to get out of the training and your intentions in providing non-religious pastoral support as a member of the humanists uk/nrpsn volunteer network.

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