| Post applied for | **Faith to Faithless Helpline Volunteer** |
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| Location applied for (if known) | Remote |

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Faith to Faithless. We greatly appreciate your dedication to our work and the time you have taken to complete this application. Please fill out the form to the best of your abilities and return it to [volunteers@humanists.uk](mailto:volunteers@humanists.uk) by Friday, 28 April 2023. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Donna, the Apostate Services Manager at [donna@humanists.uk](mailto:donna@humanists.uk). We are looking forward to reviewing your application.

**Part A: Personal Details**

| Full name |  | | | | |
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| Address |  | | | | |
| Telephone |  | mobile |  | email |  |
| Humanists uk membership number (if applicable) | | | |  | |

**Part B: References**

We kindly ask that you provide us with two references who can speak to your character, skills, and experience for the Faith to Faithless Helpline Volunteer role. References may include current or former employers, colleagues, or supervisors, or any other relevant professional contacts who can provide us with valuable insights into your suitability for the position. Referees will not be approached unless we inform you that you have been shortlisted as a volunteer.

Referee one

| Name |  | Relationship |  | |
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| Email |  | Telephone |  | |

Referee two

| Name |  | Relationship |  |
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| Email |  | Telephone |  |

**Part C: Experience**

Please give an brief 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. You will be able to expand on your experience in the Person Specification section on the next page.

| 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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Please state how you consider your experience, knowledge, skills and abilities match those of the Person Specification. Wherever possible, provide examples from your experience. This could be from either current or previous employment, volunteering, activism or any other hobbies or interests.

It is important that you cover each of the areas detailed in the Person Specification since this is the information that will be used for shortlisting.

**Person Specification (D=Desirable, E=Essential):**

| **Skills and Experience** | **Evidence *(write in the boxes below)*** |
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| Experience of working with people who have experienced trauma/crisis or mental health issues. (D) |  |
| Experience of working on a helpline (D) |  |
| Lived experience of leaving a high-control religion (D) |  |
| Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written (E) |  |
| Compassionate and person centred (E) |  |
| Experience using call handling software or a willingness to learn (E) |  |
| Ability to maintain confidentiality (E) |  |
| Committed to complying with Humanists UK’s guiding values in the workplace (E) |  |
| Ability to work independently and as part of a team (E) |  |
| A sound working knowledge of the practical, emotional, social and economic issues facing people affected by apostasy and other forms of religious violence (D) |  |
| Knowledge of Safeguarding (D) |  |

**Please note that volunteers will be subject to a DBS check and required to complete safeguarding training**

**Part D: Requirements**

As part of the volunteer induction, We are organising a residential training event from Friday, 7 July - Sunday, 9 July 2023. To make the event as inclusive as possible, please let us know about any accessibility or learning needs you have in the boxes provided below. We strive to provide accessible training venues, but please note that we cannot guarantee the availability of specific systems, such as hearing loops.

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 allergies or dietary requirements?

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1. Have you had a recent experience of leaving a high control/cost religion? If so, what support might you need in order to work on the Faith to Faithless helpline

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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 agreed with the Apostate services manager, and is subject to periodic review to ensure that both the Aspotate services manager and the volunteer are happy with the work being done. Each volunteer will agree their shifts with the Apostate Services manager in advance of commencing volunteering with Faith to Faithless, depending on how much time the volunteer wishes to contribute. Typically, this is something like one or two 3 hours shifts per week.

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**Part E: Motivation**

* Please tell us about your motivation for applying to volunteer for Faith to Faithless

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If there is anything else you would like to add, please use the space provided below. We value your input and welcome any additional information that you feel would be relevant to your application. Thank you for taking the time to apply and for your interest in volunteering with Faith to Faithless.

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