



# RespondIR

## *Islamic Relief UK Emergency Response Volunteer Programme*



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## **About Islamic Relief**

At Islamic Relief, we're known for being straight on the ground when an emergency hits. Working in over 40 countries worldwide, our rapid response enables us to save as many lives as possible and prevent further disasters.

For over 30 years, we've been active in providing life-saving support amongst international disasters such as floods, tsunamis, drought and earthquakes on an annual basis in areas devastated by both natural and man-made disasters. Our teams have reached out to communities across three continents in countries including The Philippines, Nepal, Pakistan and across East Africa.

In addition to providing emergency relief, we are also proud of our legacy of building strong and sustainable programmes to support communities across the world throughout the recovery process. We stay on the ground and work with local partners after a disaster has hit to enable communities to break out of the ongoing cycle of poverty and become more resilient to potential disasters.

## **How do Islamic Relief work in the UK?**

It's our long-term expertise which we're now building upon to allow us to build an important quick-thinking and high-impact response right here in the UK. Across Great Britain, we also work with multiple organisations to deliver projects which to individuals' skills to relieve poverty and provide sustainable economic and development on a local level. These projects however require the support and expertise of skilled passionate volunteers in order to have greatest reach and impact possible.

We've therefore developed this comprehensive programme to provide you with the necessary skills and experience to support those communities in need, through our emergency response programme and sustainable projects.

## **What is the RespondIR programme?**

This dedicated volunteer programme aims to create leaders who are trained to provide an emergency response during a crisis and represent the organisation through our national programmatic work.

## What will I gain as a RespondIR volunteer?

As one of our RespondIR volunteer, you'll receive training, development and exposure in the following:

- 1. ORGANISATIONAL INSIGHT:** You'll be welcomed into the IR family with full training on our values, standards, history and work
- 2. COMMUNICATION SKILLS:** You'll gain an insight into various communication techniques and tools, ensuring you're able to articulate any message in a challenging environment. You'll learn how to deal with the media in times of crisis and become your very own media guru!
- 3. PUBLIC SPEAKING:** We'll help you boost your confidence to be able to speak in public to speaking at forums whilst being an ambassador of the IR brand
- 4. PROJECT MANAGEMENT:** You'll assist in the planning and delivery of our food drive campaign, helping those in need in our local community. You'll also receive project planning guidance to help implement our UK Qurbani programme, right from the initial needs assessments to processing and delivering the sacred meat
- 5. EMERGENCY RESPONSE:** We'll train and prepare you to ensure that you're ready to respond in the best and most appropriate way in difficult and challenging emergencies
- 6. CRISIS LEADERSHIP:** You'll receive training to help you learn the tools and principles of how to be an effective leader during times of emergency
- 7. FIRST AID:** Knowing what to do in an emergency can save lives and this one-day training will provide you with the necessary tool/techniques to equip you to assist those in need
- 8. CONFLICT RESOLUTION:** Difficult times can produce challenging behaviours which is why you'll learn the art of mediation to de-escalation to enable you to handle any crisis!

## How does it work?

Commitment and loyalty are key to this programme. With all the training and development provided, we require you to answer the call in an emergency and to become fully involved in the projects that we are supporting here in the UK. In addition, we'll provide the following:

### **1. LOCAL RESILIENCE FORUM**

We will match you with your local forums (LRF) where you will be able to represent Islamic Relief amongst the local emergency services to local authorities.

### **2. NETWORKS AND LOCAL WORK**

The programme will put you at the heart of delivery of two most important domestic campaigns: our UK Qurbani and food drive campaigns. Here, you'll work alongside our programmes staff and partners.

**PLEASE NOTE:** During those time we may require your additional time and support.

## What do we expect from you?

To be part of this programme, we expect commitment and enthusiasm! You must be aged 18 and over for health & safety purposes. In addition, you'll be required to:

- Attend all of the training and briefing sessions over the two-year period (*unless extenuating circumstances arise*)
- Abide by our policies and procedures
- Respond to an emergency at short notice
- Undertake a full Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) check, which will be contingent on your ability to volunteer with Islamic Relief
- Be an ambassador for Islamic Relief

## How can I apply?

In order to make sure that you're right for the role and for us to be able to support you as fully as possible, we run a vigorous recruitment process. But don't worry, we'll guide you every step of the way! Here's how it works:

### THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS



## Contact us

If you have any questions or queries, please email us at:

[UKVolunteers@islamic-relief.org.uk](mailto:UKVolunteers@islamic-relief.org.uk)

or call **07500 086 639**





## Dates for your diary

There maybe changes to the dates and venue, we will keep you always informed.  
Travel arrangements will be accommodated.

In an emergency response, the regional team will be deployed first for assessment and support, and if required others across the country.

<b>14<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>	<b>Organisational Insight</b>	<b>Birmingham</b>
<b>January 2023</b>	<b>Supporting Food Drive</b>	<b>Various Location</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>	<b>Media Power</b>	<b>Online</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> March 2023</b>	<b>Preparing For Emergencies</b>	<b>Birmingham</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b>	<b>Dealing With Difficult Situation</b>	<b>Online</b>
<b>July 2023</b>	<b>Supporting Qurbani Food Drive</b>	<b>Various Location</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023</b>	<b>First Aid</b>	<b>Birmingham</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Public Speaking</b>	<b>Manchester</b>
<b>January 2024</b>	<b>Supporting Food Drive</b>	<b>Various Location</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024</b>	<b>Crisis Leadership</b>	<b>Birmingham</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>	<b>Conflict Resolution</b>	<b>London</b>
<b>July 2024</b>	<b>Supporting Qurbani Food Drive</b>	<b>Various Location</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>	<b>Communication Techniques</b>	<b>Manchester</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>	<b>Evaluation And Celebration</b>	<b>London</b>



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