

Branch or group Patron and President role profile

The titles of Patron and President are the most senior honorary roles we offer to volunteer supporters, in recognition of:

- The value we place on the individual's significant support and continued commitment to the MND Association.
- The integrity shown by the individual in supporting our work and improving the lives of people living with MND, their families and carers.

The specific role of each Patron or President will vary depending on the nature of their contribution, their interests and the rationale for their appointment. But broadly, Patrons and Presidents will:

- Agree to support a branch/group, wherever reasonable and possible, in a variety of ways, such as by attending an event or speaking publicly on our behalf.
- Introduce the branch/group to their contacts and networks who might be helpful.
- Act as a representative of the MND Association, sharing our messages and strategic aims and working with others with passion and credibility.
- Represent a variety of backgrounds, professions and talents to better reflect the communities in which the MND Association operates.

On occasion, Presidents and Patrons may be asked to support wider Association activities. Patrons and Presidents have no legal status or binding obligations. They also have no role in the management of an organisation, or the way funds are spent. Their role is that of a figurehead, whose name can lend credibility and status.

Patrons and Presidents are appointed for three years. At the end of this time, it will be reviewed by both parties. If either party believes that the arrangement is no longer suitable, they may end it by writing to the other.

The title of Patron or President can be withdrawn by the MND Association, or returned by the Patron/President, if the views or activities of the charity or the Patron/President are considered to be incompatible with, or inappropriate to the other party.

Patrons/Presidents are not paid for their support of the Association.

Overall Patrons/Presidents help to make our work possible by contributing time, skills, profile, contacts, credibility, networks and/or money – we are always grateful for the positive impact this has on our work supporting people living with MND, their families and carers.