

Join the Jacari Committee - An exciting opportunity to get involved in the charity sector!

Volunteer opportunity

What is Jacari?

Jacari is a charity that supports local migrant and refugee children and young people in Oxford who speak English as an Additional Language (EAL). Since the early 1960s, Jacari has supported local children from migrant and refugee backgrounds to learn English as an Additional Language through our 1:1 tuition programme.



What do we do in 2022?

At Jacari, we match volunteers with local migrant and refugee pupils aged 6 to 16 who speak English as an Additional Language (EAL) and are struggling at school. Our volunteers provide weekly, informal 1:1 tuition for their Jacari pupil(s) at the pupil's home or school. These sessions aim to support the pupil's language learning, confidence in the classroom and aspirations at and beyond school life. We work closely with the EAL leads at the 12 local schools we're currently partnered with to ensure our tutoring programme is relevant and useful to the pupils we support. In addition to our tutoring programme, we run termly kids' events for our pupils, their families and volunteer to attend. In the last year, we have run an arts & craft event, trip to the pantomime and an ice skating afternoon.

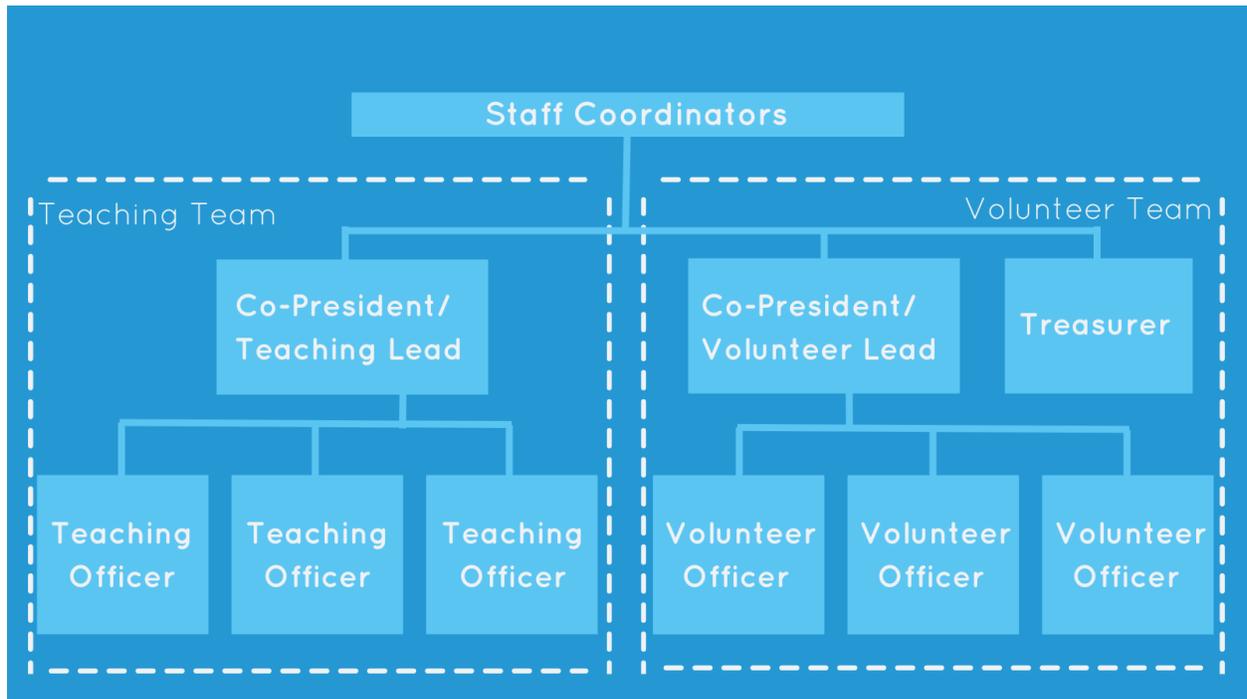
How do we support volunteers?

In the application process, volunteers must complete a free DBS check and informal interview with staff, an online safeguarding and induction training and a teaching preparation session run by our student teaching officers. By the time a volunteer is matched with a pupil they will be prepared and trained to deliver engaging tutoring sessions. In addition, staff and committee members provide ongoing support through drop-in meetings, sharing resources in our weekly emails and social media posts and social events to create a supportive and welcoming Jacari community.

What will you be doing on the Jacari Oxford Committee?

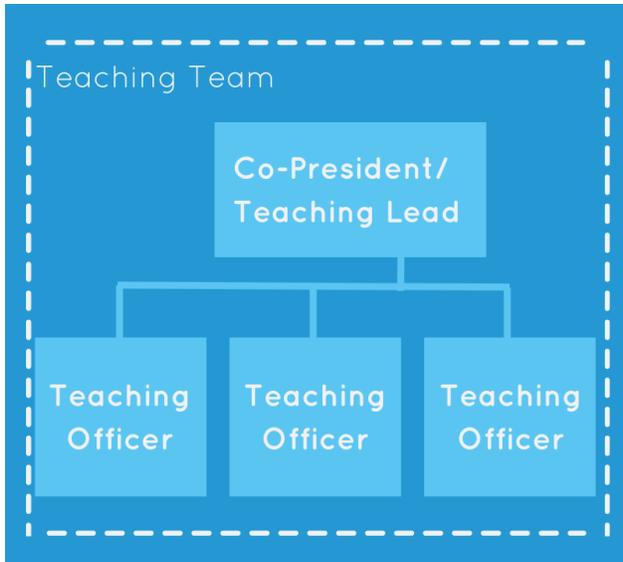
Our student committee works alongside staff to support Jacari volunteers. As students from the two local universities, committee members are best-placed to discuss tutoring with potential volunteers. Committee members are key to spreading the word about Jacari to ensure that we can continue to

provide those pupils most in need at local schools with additional tuition. Committee members also offer the teaching workshops that are central to our training process for new volunteers. In addition, committee members are encouraged to take forward their own projects to support the Jacari community.



What will the Teaching Team look like?

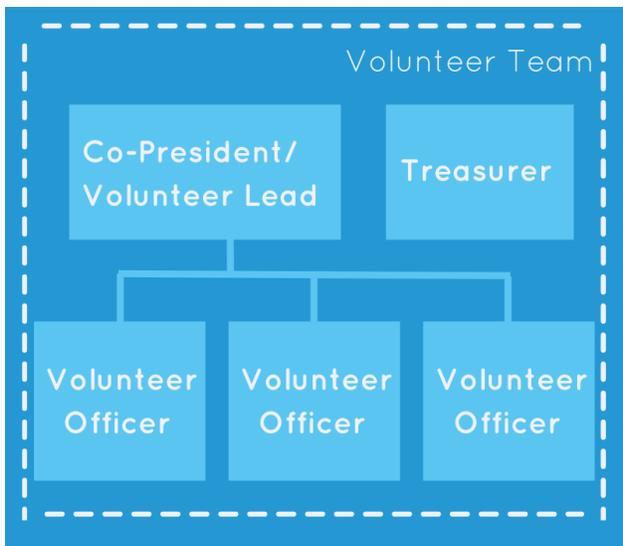
The Teaching Team will be key to building and delivering our teaching workshops and sharing resources and projects that support volunteers with their tutoring. The team will be composed of 4x committee members, ideally 2x from the University of Oxford and 2x from Oxford Brookes University. One team member will be the Co-President/Teaching Lead who will have a senior role.



What will the Volunteer Team look like?

The Volunteer Team will be key to recruiting and supporting volunteers throughout the year through a range of publicity campaigns and social events. The team will be composed of 4x committee members, ideally 2x from the University of Oxford and 2x from Oxford Brookes University. One team member will be the Co-President/Volunteer Lead who will have a senior role.

There will also be a Treasurer role who will have responsibility to coordinate, in teamwork with the Co-President/Volunteer Lead, fundraising and budget management.



What will the time commitment be?

Committee members will be expected to attend a committee meeting every fortnight during term time. This will be an opportunity to discuss projects and report to the entire committee and staff members. Ongoing team projects will require commitment. Committee events and activities often parallel the university terms, so commitments may vary accordingly.

Do I need to have volunteered with Jacari before to apply?

You do not need to have volunteered with Jacari to apply for a committee role. Applications will be selected based on the applicant's passion and enthusiasm for the role(s) and ability to demonstrate closeness to the person specification.

Why should I apply? What's in it for me?

Committee members will learn about the organisation of Jacari. Committee members will gain experience in volunteer support, fundraising and publicity, recruitment and induction, and teaching opportunities. There may also be opportunities for development through external workshops.