

Portsmouth Volunteering Bulletin November 2021



One off / events / no commitment volunteering

Organisation - Together in the Hive Portsmouth

We are creating a bank of volunteers who are on standby to help out both at times of great opportunity and at times of crisis. Opportunities to volunteer will come in the form of VIP visits, cultural festivals or similar events and celebrations that give us a chance to showcase all the good things happening within the city.

These could include: litter picks, festivals, sports/fun days, award nights etc.

They might be suitable for all ages, types of people & groups.

Your details will be added to our email list and we will contact when an opportunity comes available. There is no requirement to do any, just respond to the ones you want. **EASY!**

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[facebook.com/togetherinhiveportsmouth](https://www.facebook.com/togetherinhiveportsmouth)

Website: volunteer.hiveportsmouth.com

This is just a small sample of the current volunteering opportunities

New! Reading Coaches

Organisation - Read Easy

We are a new group setting up in the area to offer free one to one coaching by trained volunteers for adults in Portsmouth who struggle with reading.

Our Reading Coaches meet with their Readers for just 30 minutes, twice a week.

Requirements -

- **Min age 18 yrs**
- **Requires References**
- **No special qualifications are needed to become a Reading Coach, training is provided, and you will be supported throughout your coaching journey.**

Environment and Animals

New! Retail and growing project volunteer

Organisation - Waterfront Garden Centre

A Portsmouth City Council social project, the garden centre in Southsea was established in 2017, for the people of Portsmouth both as consumers and as staff.

We provide volunteering opportunities for those wanting to gain, learn, and share horticultural and retail skills, with a trained Social and Therapeutic Horticulturalist.

We have a retail site open to the public, and a private growing poly-tunnel to offer both customer facing opportunities and a quieter approach too.

Requirements -

- **Min age 18 yrs**
- **DBS check required**
- **Reliable**
- **Two references are required**



Shop Volunteer

Organisation—Package Free Larder

As a Shop volunteer your role will be to assist in the day to day running of the shop. You will provide support to the three members of staff and other volunteers in our shop as well as excellent customer service to our community.

Requirements -

- **Good communication skills**
- **Interest in environmental issues**
- **Min 18 yrs**
- **Ideally volunteers would be able to carry heavy loads**

Forest School Assistants

Organisation - Exploring Nature- Forest school

Working in agreement with Portsmouth City Council, we are based at Hilsea Lines delivering high-quality out door educational activities and experiences.

Our aim is to get people of all ages and backgrounds out into the woods, enjoying nature and the world around them and consequently feeling the benefits socially, emotionally, cognitively and physically. We are keen to find enthusiastic volunteers who can help me with Wednesday and Saturday sessions, during term time.

Requirements -

- **Min 18 yrs**
- **DBS check required**
- **References required**

To apply or find out more information please visit us at:
<http://volunteer.hiveportsmouth.com>

Under 18 Posts

Website Editor - Word Press Marketing Volunteer

Organisation - Together in the Hive Portsmouth

The volunteer website editor will need to be computer literate, and feel confident in navigating the Together in Hive Portsmouth website, you can view it here: <https://volunteer.hiveportsmouth.com>. The role will involve tasks such as:

Producing new content and writing it in an interesting and appealing manner.

Sourcing images and artwork.

Maintaining the site and ensuring its information is accurate.

Creating and updating profiles for our available volunteer roles.

Requirements -

- **Min age 16+**
- **Able to use wordpress**
- **Good computer skills**
- **Great communication skills**

Set Builders/Painters for The Groundlings Theatre

Organisation - Groundlings Theatre

Are you artistic? Are you good with your hands? Would you like to see your work used in a real production at the theatre? If the answer is yes, then this is the volunteering opportunity for you! The Groundlings Theatre need talented volunteers to build and paint sets for their productions of A Midsummer Nights Dream, and their 2021 pantomime, Beauty in The Beast!

Requirements -

- **Ideally candidates need to be flexible with their time**
- **Suitable for 16 yrs+**

Juniors Club

Organisation - Enable Ability

Our Junior Club enables young people with physical and/or mild - moderate learning disabilities aged 5-12 years to have a social life, like their peers, without their parents and carers. Through our activities programme we aim to build on young people's confidence, self-esteem, independence and social skills. Volunteers support, befriend and encourage the young people by taking a full and active part in the activities. Activities are all done in group sessions so it is fun and sociable.

Requirements -

- **Min age 16+**
- **Requires a DBS check**

Leaders for Rainbow, Brownies and Guide units

Organisation - Girlguiding - Portsmouth North

Girlguiding is the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK. Our amazing volunteers inspire girls to find their voice and be their best. If you're looking to work with young people, gain voluntary experience or develop skills from first aid to planning adventures, it's time to get involved.

We are looking for leaders for Rainbow, Brownie and Guide units in Portsmouth.

Requirements -

- **Suitable for under 18's**
- **Requires references and a DBS check**

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Physical, Sports, Hobbies

Birthday Cards– Care Home Project

Organisation - Together in the Hive Portsmouth

Could you send a Birthday Card to a resident in a Portsmouth Care home?

We are looking at spreading some joy by sending some surprise Birthday Cards to residents in the care homes that have requested them.

You can send as many as you like, there is no commitment.

We will send out an email each month with the residents names. These cards will then need to be posted or dropped off to us, so we have time to deliver them to the care homes.

Requirements -

- **No skills needed**
- **You can either buy or create cards**

Videographer and/ or Photographer

Organisation - Numberfit

We're looking for a person passionate about children's education to take part in a rewarding role to raise children's accessibility and confidence with numeracy.

We need a Videographer/Photographer to help us launch new offerings and develop exciting new resources for use in schools and in the home.

Requirements -

- **Passion for photography**
- **No specific skills needed**

Get fit and do good at the same time!

Organisation - GoodGym Portsmouth

We are looking for runners to come and help us with physical tasks at local community projects. We run every Wednesday evening to local projects to help out. Instead of lifting weights in the gym, we lift boxes or compost in the community!

Requirements -

- **You need to be able to run for at least 15 minutes**

Volunteer Walk Leader

Organisation -Independence & Wellbeing

A walk leader will ensure that the group are kept safe, that the risk assessed route is adhered to and that everyone walks at their own pace. The aim of the scheme is to attract people to our walks, not just for the physical health benefits they may gain but also to offer an opportunity to socialise.

Requirements -

- **Good interpersonal skills**
- **Volunteers ideally should enjoy walking**
- **Min 18 yrs**



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Flexible/At home

Telephone Befriender

Organisation - Salvation Army Haven

Could you spend 5 minutes or half an hour chatting to one of our clients from the comfort of your own home? Many of our clients are unable to leave their own home and desperately miss talking to people. Other clients just want someone to call to ask if they are alright, so they are not alone. Just a couple of minutes on the phone can really help make a difference!

Requirements -

- **18+**
- **DBS**
- **Any time**

Telephone supporter

Organisation—Brendoncare Clubs

Brendoncare aims to improve the quality of life for older people, and our local networks of social/activity clubs are vital in combating loneliness and social isolation. Our community clubs are currently closed but we are providing regular telephone contact to our members to support them at this difficult time and help them feel that they are not alone. The telephone support service can also provide a valuable point of contact for members who are temporarily or permanently unable to attend their normal club due to ill health, caring responsibilities, etc.

Requirements -

- **Min age 16 yrs**
- **Requires a DBS check and references**
- **Flexible hours**

Volunteer Shop Assistants

Organisation - Rowans Hospice

Looking for Retail experience? Then we can help. Can you spare a few hours during the week or on a Saturday? If you are enthusiastic, motivated and reliable, then why not join our Rowans Hospice team of volunteers. You can make new friends, gain valuable work experience and really make a difference by contributing to an income stream for the Rowans Hospice. Exciting opportunities have arisen for Sales Assistants who want to use their customer service skills in a very fast moving retail environment.

Requirements -

- **Friendly and approachable manner**
- **Interest in retail**

North End Shop Assistant

Organisation - Naomi House & Jackspace

Whether you want to gain customer service experience, training on using a till, helping keep the shop stocked, or helping behind the scenes, there are lots of opportunities.

Requirements -

- **No specific skills**
- **Min 18yrs**



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Arts, Culture & Entertainment

Be a detective

Organisation - Conan Doyle Collection

If you have learning difficulties, disabilities, or come from a background of mental health or substance misuse, and you would like to learn new skills and gain work experience in a cultural setting, you will be helping to run projects using the Conan Doyle Collection. You will be supported by professional artists and authors, the Conan Doyle team as well as library and museum staff to develop your skills in all areas of project management.

Requirements -

- **To regularly commit to the entire length of the project, for short periods at a time.**
- **An interest in history, culture, art or Conan Doyle and his links to Portsmouth**

Reading Friend Befriender

Organisation - Portsmouth Library and Archive Service

Do you enjoy reading and chatting about books, magazines, and sharing stories and memories? Could you help connect people by starting conversations inspired by reading? Reading friends brings people together to read, share stories, meet new friends and have fun!

Requirements -

- **Min 16 yrs**
- **Able to volunteer for at least one hour a week**

Volunteer Music and Singing Buddy

Organisation - Dimensions UK

Can you play the keyboard or any other instrument? Or do you love to sing? We have a lovely and friendly gentleman who loves to listen to music and hum along! He would enjoy having a volunteer who could come to his house and either play his own keyboard or introduce him to new instruments and genres of music. Activities will include: • Visiting the gentleman once a week at his home • Playing an instrument, or singing, and sharing your love of music! • Chatting to the gentleman and his support staff

Requirements -

- **Able to play at least one instrument**
- **Min 18 yrs**
- **Requires a DBS check**
- **Requires references**

Volunteer Ushers, Bar Staff, Front of House and General work within a Theatre

Organisation - Groundlings Theatre

Ushers, Bar Staff, General staff are needed to work within our theatre. Full training will be given and the chance to see many performances too as one of the perks for volunteering in our theatre.

Requirements -

- **Ideally, skills working in Front of House**
- **Good communication skills**
- **Min 18 yrs**



Children & Families

New! School streets volunteer

Organisation - Portsmouth City Council
Transport Team

School Streets have been a great success in other parts of the UK and have proved overwhelmingly popular with parents, pupils and local residents. In a School Street, temporary restrictions for motorised traffic are introduced to the road outside the school during drop-off and pick-up times. The restriction applies to school traffic and through traffic, resulting in a safer, healthier environment. This means cleaner air, and results in reduced traffic congestion in residential areas. It can also help to improve road safety around schools.

Requirements -

Min 18 yrs

- **Reliable**
- **Confident at talking to members of the public/parents/carers**
- **Able to carry signage and push wheeled barriers**
- **Team player**

Volunteer Outreach Worker

Organisation - The Medaille Trust– Moving on project Hampshire

As a volunteer you will be providing support for female adults. Some of the activities includes: Advocating for a client on appointments, supporting clients to develop life skills and empowering clients to access education and training.

Requirements -

- **Female only role**
- **Min age 18 yrs**
- **DBS check and references required**

Nursery Pre-school Volunteer

Organisation - The EC Roberts Centre

The Roberts centre is currently looking for volunteers to support pre-school work within its Children's Nursery. Working within the nursery team you will support experienced practitioners with the delivery of the pre-school programme.

Requirements -

- **DBS check required**
- **18 years and older**
- **Mon-Fri 9am-12 and 12-3pm**

Home Visiting Volunteers

Organisation - Home Start Portsmouth

Home-Start Portsmouth is a voluntary organization which offers free support to families with a least one child under 5, who are experiencing difficulties and are referred through their Health Visitor. We works in partnership with other agencies and organizations to give children the best start in like that is possible, including a Ready for School programme and parent mentoring.

Requirements -

- **Good communication skills**
- **Committed to visiting families once a week for six weeks**
- **Min age 18 yrs**
- **DBS check required**
- **References required**

Education, Training

School Governors -

Craneswater Junior School

Organisation - Portsmouth School Governors

Craneswater Junior School in Southsea is a popular Junior school for pupils aged 7-11. They are seeking to appoint additional governors and would welcome expressions of interest from people with a wide range of backgrounds who are looking to contribute to the school governing body.

Requirements -

- **Min 18 yrs**
- **Requires a DBS check**

Maths Resource Development & Content Checking

Organisation - Numberfit

Numberfit is a Mathematics based Social Enterprise with the objective of making Mathematics active, fun and accessible for children.

Remote Maths resource development and content checking for a children's Social Enterprise.

Requirements -

- **We're looking for a person with an interest in children's education**
- **You will need GCSE level Maths**
- **A good working knowledge of Microsoft Office**
- **Working from home**

Mentor

Organisation - The Girls Network Charity

The Girl's Network was founded by two teachers who found that girls in their classroom were at an unfortunate double-disadvantage of gender and wealth of opportunities and networks. Girls from the least-advantaged communities are less likely to go onto higher education, or reach the top jobs of our society... Our vision is Unlimited Futures For All Young Women.

Through 1:1 mentoring you can help a local girl gain confidence and self-belief to have a successful future. We aim to open doors and enable opportunities by matching girls with a professional female role model who can help guide her, inspire her and empower her.

Requirements -

- **We are currently seeking Professional women with at least 3 years working experience**
- **Min age 18 years**

Buddying Volunteer

Organisation - Conan Doyle Collection

To assist our Detectives, people who may have learning difficulties, disabilities, or come from a background of mental health or substance misuse, to engage with and actively participate in their voluntary role with the Conan Doyle Collection. To help them learn new skills and gain work experience by supporting them with the activities they wish to complete.

Requirements -

- **Min 18 yrs**
- **DBS Check**
- **References**
- **Friendly demeanour**

Fundraising and Finance

School Governors - Cottage Grove

Organisation - Portsmouth School Governors

Cottage Grove is an inclusive and diverse primary school that is rightly proud of every pupil. The school is now looking to appoint two governors to the governing body and is ideally looking for candidates with experience in one (or more) of the following areas: financial management experience, HR/ people management, health and safety; or working across multiple agencies.

Requirements -

- **Min 18 yrs**
- **DBS check**

Fundraiser

Organisation - Read Easy

We are a new group setting up in the area to offer free one to one coaching by trained volunteers for adults who struggle with reading.

The volunteer will be looking for local funds to support our work in the area. You will work as part of our Management Team to decide how much money we need to raise each year to cover the local group's expenses. and the best approaches for the fundraising. You will write applications to local funding organisations and help the team to arrange fundraising events and send thanks to our donors

Requirements -

- **Ideally volunteers will have experience in finance**
- **Min age 18 yrs**

Treasurer

Organisation - Havelock Community Centre

We have the need for a new treasurer, starting in November 2021

Would you be able to help with the following ?

- Ensure that proper financial records are kept.
- Prepare and present regular finance reports for meetings (every 2/3 months).
- Ensure that all financial records are prepared and passed to the auditors at year end.
- Bring to the Committee's attention any matter which may impact on the Centre's future viability.
- Assess suppliers costs to ensure the centre's expenses and appropriate in the current market

Liaise with the centre manager to complete payment of invoices

Requirements -

- **Experience in finance**

Donations Volunteer

Organisation - E C Roberts Centre

The Roberts Centre is fortunate to receive donations throughout the year from wonderful people and we are currently looking for a volunteer to support our Team. Working with our team, at either our centre on Crasswell Street or at Gamble Road, both in Portsmouth.

You will assist with a variety of tasks from sorting, checking incoming donations of, clothes, toys, household items.

Requirements -

- **Min 18 yrs**
- **DBS check required**

Administration & Office

Administrator

Organisation - Numberfit

NUMBERFIT is a Mathematics based Social Enterprise with the objective of making Mathematics active, fun and accessible for children from Preschool all the way up.

We're looking for an administrator to support us in our day to day operations. Working remotely for the time being, you'll be our first point of contact for enquiries via phone and email.

Requirements -

- **Knowledge in using Microsoft Office**
- **Good Organisational skills**

Admin and Fundraising Assistant

Organisation - Sunshine of Hounslow

We're looking for someone to help with our admin and particularly our fundraising. You'll have good communication, IT and research skills.

Requirements -

- **Flexible hours**
- **Volunteering from home**
- **Experience in research and bid writing**

HR Admin Volunteers

Organisation - The EC Roberts Centre

Working within the HR & Service User Involvement Team you will assist with a variety of administrative tasks to ensure that the office runs in an efficient and organised manner and assist with HR service.

Requirements -

- **Ideally volunteers have a passion to help us to improve the lives of children and families**
- **DBS check is required (The cost would be met by the E C Roberts Centre)**



****GAIN Accreditation or RECOGNITION****

Some voluntary opportunities offer their volunteers the chance to attain accreditation. Others allow their volunteers to use their voluntary hours towards certificates.

Befriending, Mentoring & Supporting People

Support people at risk of rough sleeping

Organisation - Society of St James

The Society of St James require volunteers in Portsmouth to help support the new integrated support service for people at risk of rough sleeping. The purpose of the service is to provide safe, sustainable accommodation for people at risk of rough sleeping, and work with them to facilitate a move-onto suitable, sustainable and settled housing. Volunteers will support the service users to engage with, and move through, the Homelessness Pathway.

Requirements -

- **Good communication skills**
- **Volunteers must be 6 months clear of using the homeless services**

Shopmobility Assistants

Organisation - Shopmobility Service

Could you spare a couple of hours each week to help people with limited mobility, shop independently?

Portsmouth Shopmobility provides manual and powered wheelchairs and scooters to help people with limited mobility access the City centre and shop independently. It can be used by young or old no matter whether their disability is temporary or permanent. Shopmobility is also available to both residents and visitors.

Requirements -

- **Will require a DBS check and references**
- **Friendly & Approachable manner**

Volunteer Driver

Organisation - Rainbows Trust Children's charity

As a Volunteer Driver, you will help to give additional support to the families we work with by providing safe, comfortable and reliable transport, enabling them to travel safely to healthcare appointments, school and to other activities.

Requirements -

- **Friendly demeanour**
- **Has held a licence for more than two years**
- **Access to your own vehicle**
- **Min age of 21 yrs**

Male Mentor

Organisation - abandofbrothers

We need mature men to mentor young men aged 18-25yr who are either in the criminal justice system or in danger of becoming involved.

Requirements -

- **Ability to listen, and to be open minded**
- **Required to do a residential primary training weekend**
- **DBS check**
- **Min 18yrs**

IT & Social Media

Marketing and Social Volunteer

Organisation - Exploring Nature – Forest School

Volunteers are needed to develop Exploring Natures social media presence with a particular focus on keeping our social media channels updated, ideally on a daily basis.

Duties would include:

Encouraging others to comment on our posts.

Increasing the numbers of people on the Exploring Nature website and social media pages.

Building the Exploring Nature brand.

Devising a marketing and social media strategy to take the CIC forward.

Setting, working towards, and reporting on social media objectives and targets.

Developing a you tube channel and taking photographs and videos of Exploring Nature activities.

Requirements -

- **Can volunteer an hour or two daily**
- **Experience in social media**
- **Excellent communicator**
- **Interest in young children and/ or outdoor education**

Social Media volunteer

Organisation - Personal Choice

Personal Choice is a local charity who supports the wellbeing of people in Portsmouth, particularly the Charles Dickens ward need more accessible information, advice, support and opportunities for social integration to address the problems of economic and social deprivation and improve their independence and wellbeing. We aim to offer a holistic service with a person-centred approach offering time to discuss issues, explore avenues and provide the information, advice and support they need to make their own decisions. Beneficiaries can expect confidentiality, one to one and ongoing support, advocacy and input from professional bodies on a wide range of issues.

Requirements -

- **Min age 18 yrs**
- **Interested in social media**

IT Tutor

Organisation– Age UK Portsmouth

IT Tutor Volunteer Role This is an exciting opportunity to be a part of the Age UK Portsmouth IT Sessions Team. Age UK Portsmouth is looking for volunteers to help run the IT classes within the Bradbury Centre.

Requirements-

- **Good IT skills**
- **Min 18 yrs**
- **Requires a DBS check**

