

Portsmouth Volunteering Bulletin



Welcome to our March bulletin! Here we have a selection of volunteering opportunities for you, whether you are looking for a job, improving social skills or learning new skills. Can't find what you are looking for? Please drop us an email or visit us at our drop in Centre!

Drop in Centre times

Monday-Thursday 10-4, Friday 10-2

Saturday 10-2pm 4th & 18th March, 1st, 15th & 29th April

Portsmouth Central Library,

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One off / events / no commitment volunteering

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.

New! One Off Tree and Hedge planting roles Charles Dickens Community Orchard and Hive Portsmouth

We have a two new opportunities from Charles Dickens Community Orchard who need help planting tree and hedges on Saturday the 4th of March at Castle View School and on Saturday 11th of March at Eastney lakes. All you need is a can do spirit and a shovel, if you have one spare! The event will last a few hours and is a great way to heighten biodiversity in your local community!

Environment and Animals

New! One Off Marshall Volunteering Opportunity Supporting Portsmouth Hospitals Charity Together in the Hive Portsmouth

New One Off - One Day Volunteering Opportunity Supporting Portsmouth Hospitals Charity

Event: Walk for Wards 2023

Location: Staunton Country park

When: Sunday 9th July 2023 (to tie in with the NHS's 75th birthday)

They are looking for volunteers to help them on the day approx. 9am - 2pm.

Looking for marshals and sweepers for our route. As well as stewards for the car park

New! Volunteer group coordinator for Ethnic gardening project Abilities for Life

The Independence and Wellbeing Team runs a gardening project for anybody who is interested in growing vegetables from different countries. It gives community members the opportunity to enjoy time outside, do some growing and harvesting and also meet other people. All adults are welcome. The group runs on a weekly basis in a community garden in Landport.

Tasks of the volunteer group coordinator include:

Group facilitation: make participants feel welcome, participants register etc, Set up tea and coffee making facilities, Oversee the gardening activities and coordinate what needs to be done Carry out some gardening together with group members Work with community development officer in Independence and Wellbeing team to coordinate and develop the group..

Make a mousy friend for a cat in need at Battersea Dogs and Cats Home

Would you like to make a mouse friend for a kitty in need? Then this role is puuurfect for you!

We are looking for dedicated knitters to make a mousey friend for a feline companion?

These mouse toys are a great for our cats to relax and play during a difficult period in their lives. They can be any colour and made out of leftover wool from other projects! If you are interested, let us know and we can send you a template!

Crochet turtles/ whales/ sea creatures

Final Straw Foundation

We require people to assist us in making sea creatures. These creatures need to have stomachs that we can either, fill with plastic pieces and reach inside the mouth to put in and out or have the whole stomach being able to be removed and opened up to show the plastic.

These creatures can be made to any size at all. We would love them to be big enough that a group of children can see easily if they are sitting a few rows back from us. However, we do not mind at all what size they are, as long as the whales are not life size!



Be There for care roles

Befriender - Care Home

Be There For Care

We are looking for volunteers to support and assist the care teams who look after our residents (whom have dementia or severe memory loss), some of whom receive no visitors and where loneliness is a problem. Reminiscing, reading and chatting can help to improve the quality of life for our residents. This is a rewarding role that can be fun as well as challenging, and you can make a difference to the lives of vulnerable people.

Could you spare a few hours on a regular basis anytime between 10am and 7pm?

Good experience for someone thinking of going into care work, hospital work, or anyone with a caring nature and some free time! Could you make a difference and make a positive contribution to your community?

Board and Card Games Player - Care Home

Be There For Care

We are looking for volunteers to play board games such as draughts, snakes & ladders, whist, dominoes and jigsaws. Many of our residents (whom have dementia or severe memory loss) receive no visitors and loneliness can be a major problem. Activities such as board games can help to improve the quality of life for our residents. This is a rewarding role that can be fun as well as challenging, and you can make a difference to the lives of vulnerable people.

Could you spare an hour or two on a regular basis?

Good experience for someone thinking of going into care work, hospital work, or anyone with a caring nature and some free time!

Dementia Buddies

Be There For Care

People with dementia are often harder to find volunteer befrienders. We are looking for volunteers to spend time with people with various stages of dementia who would like some company during the day.

Our Befrienders are volunteers who offer social contact to people with Dementia and/or family carers of people with Dementia (Befriendees). It is a free service designed to alleviate loneliness caused by isolation, and will provide companionship in their home or to take part in appropriate social and recreational activities.

Dementia Befriender

Be There For Care

People with dementia are often harder to find volunteer befrienders. We are looking for volunteers to spend time with people with various stages of dementia who would like some company during the day.

Volunteers will be matched with a cared-for person who has dementia and will visit them in their home or take them out in the local area for 2 hours on a regular basis. This valuable service will provide carers in your community with a break from their responsibilities, whilst giving the cared for person the chance to befriend someone new and engage with shared interests.

Physical, Sports, Hobbies

New! Community Seated Exercise Club Brendoncare Clubs

We are looking for volunteers to get involved in our Community Seated Exercise Class in Buckland on Tuesday's from 12:30 - 13:30.

Brendoncare offer a range of services from community support and clubs, through to extra care housing and residential care, helping thousands of people across the south of the UK. These services are designed to empower people to live their whole life well, and it is largely down to the kindness, bravery and positivity of our volunteers that we are able to do so.

New! Bike mechanic (unskilled) Community Cycle Centre

Community Cycle Centre recycle bikes for the community in Portsmouth. We take donated old bikes and do them up for a new owner. We also do repairs.

We are looking for volunteers who will work under the supervision of a skilled bike mechanic. You will assist with repairs, as well as removing parts for future repairs.

New! Community Kurling club on Monday afternoons Brendoncare Clubs

Brendoncare are looking for volunteers to help run our Community Kurling club at Bucklands Community Centre on Mondays from 1pm to 3pm!

This role will involve help in ensuring the venue is safe and welcoming for our members; this will include setting the room up appropriately, helping any members with limited mobility, engaging with our members and helping with the activities and refreshments. You may also have a specific skill or interest you would like to share with our members; we're always on the lookout for new activities – if so we'd be very interested to hear from you!

Group support volunteers The Good Mental Health Cooperative

We are seeking volunteers interested in attending a regular weekly group offering support with mental health and wellbeing through creative activities and accessible exercise.

There are three weekly groups: Mondays 10-12noon - ChitChat Club with optional seated pilates exercise class Tuesdays 11am - 12.30pm - Nexus Women's Creativity and Wellbeing Group Fridays 1.30-3pm - Nexus With Men in Mind creative workshops

Gardening and Park Maintenance Volunteer Victoria Park

The physical environment is one of the key aspects of the park and we want to provide opportunities for people to get involved with community gardening and maintenance, now and into the future. This will be a regular volunteering opportunity proposed for Tuesday mornings working with the volunteer and training coordinator and the parks team on an agreed schedule to regularly look after the park throughout the seasons. We hope to create a community of volunteers working within the park to maintain and sustain it through community gardening and caring for the park.

Flexible/At home

New! Retail, customer service and stock control Debra

We rely on shop volunteers to keep our DEBRA furniture and electrical charity shops running smoothly. From moving furniture on and off the shop floor (you won't need the gym anymore!) to answering phones. Perhaps you could make use of that flair for interior design with merchandising and advising customers, or perhaps making those customers welcome with a smile, chat and a helpful tape measure – there's a role for everyone! If you fancy taking on a new challenge, gaining work experience, rebuilding confidence, or are simply looking to give something back to the community we'd love to hear from you.

First Aid Coordinator Portsmouth NCT Portsmouth

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity where you can meet new people but also have the flexibility to decide when and where you volunteer?

As part of the fundraising team you will make valuable first aid courses available to local parents – giving local parents access to lifesaving skills and the confidence to put them into practice.

We welcome volunteers from a wide range of backgrounds and you do not need to be a parent yourself. All our roles are family friendly.

You will be supported by our central Volunteering Team and our amazing NCT family of volunteers across the UK and Channel Islands who will help support you every step of the way.

Time required: less than one hour per week

Responsibilities: Booking courses with a first aid trainer and adding details of the course to our online ticket booking system, communication with the first aid trainer and attendees via email. You will have the ability to plan and deliver an effective local marketing activity, ensuring the courses are well attended and income is maximized.

Community Volunteer Portsmouth NCT Portsmouth

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity where you can meet new people but also have the flexibility to decide when and where you volunteer?

We are looking for volunteers to help organise events or parent support activities in the local area.

This is an exciting role where you can help make a real difference to parents in your community. You will need to be good at working in a team, motivating others and decision making.

We welcome volunteers from a wide range of backgrounds and you do not need to be a parent yourself. All our roles are family friendly.

You will be supported by our central Volunteering Team and our amazing NCT family of volunteers across the UK and the Channel Islands who will help support you every step of the way.

This is a volunteer led role and will be based around the community

Arts, Culture & Entertainment

Crafting for seriously ill children and their siblings

PostPals

Crafting – Can you knit or crochet? Are you a cardmaker or scrapbooker? Can you make something a child might like? Our Pals love receiving things that have had love and thought put into them.

There are many ways to get involved in Post Pals and it couldn't be easier! In less than 5 minutes you can make a child smile... and for some of the children it might be their only smile that day.

Sending post – You can send post from anywhere in the world, no matter how old or young you are. You are welcome to send something as a one off or on a regular basis. You don't need to register, just go to ['Find Pals'](#), read through the current children's pages (we also send post to some siblings of memorial Pals) and pick a child. You can send a hand written card/note, make one or order one from sites like MoonPig and Funky Pigeon,.

Create a Ring Ragger dog toy!

Battersea Dogs and Cats Home

Would you like to make a cool dog toy using old materials at home?

This easy to make ring ragger helps dogs to release tension and have fun, with this eco friendly dog Toy.

Best of all, anyone can get involved, as all you need is some old fabric and a pair of scissors. Once you have made some fantastic creations, please drop them into the Volunteering desk at Portsmouth Central Library, where we will donate the items in bulk on your behalf. Alternatively you can post them directly.

Oral History recording volunteer

Victoria Park

We are recruiting volunteers to help with an exciting oral history recording project. This role is to assist with recording the oral histories, stories, anecdotes and personal histories of people's experiences and memories of Victoria Park. The role will include talking to members of the public and recording their experiences, training will be provided.

Family activity volunteer The Mary Rose Trust

Every day, the Mary Rose Museum receives hundreds of visitors. To make their visit as enjoyable as possible, we need passionate people of all ages to share their knowledge of Tudor history and our collection. As a member of our enthusiastic team of Mary Rose volunteers, you will support our visitor experience by delivering family activities and workshops, based in our Learning Centre.

General volunteer

Portsmouth Film Society

We are looking for some film lovers anybody who has an interest in film and the ability to help out in the cinema and cafe. At the Portsmouth Film Society to use English language and international film as a medium to support the development of local culture, art, community and education and encourage both film, arts and diversity appreciation. We also use films to support diversity around Portsmouth.

As a volunteer you will be working at our Southsea Cinema, helping out with a variety of roles including:: helping out in the café, ticket sales, promotion of events and general support

Children & Families

New! School reading volunteers - Portsmouth area Together in the Hive Portsmouth

Could you spare a small amount of time each week to help children with their reading?

Reading is an essential life skill and children need extra time and support during school time to have some one to one reading time.

You will sit with children on an individual basis and listen to them read for around 10 minutes. You will encourage the children to read independently and discuss their books with them.

You do not need any special qualifications for this role. All we ask is that you are reliable, good with children, you can read and speak fluent English.

We ask that you can commit to one session, per week, each term. There is flexibility around which day you can attend each week to suit your own personal commitments. Each weekly session will last approximately 2 hours. You can sign up for more shifts if you wish to.

New! Toy Library Session Volunteer Connors Toy Library

Connors Toy Libraries are looking for volunteers to support at our Toy Library sessions across the City.

We run Community Toy Library sessions Monday to Friday across all areas of the City and we are looking for volunteers to support with: setting up, welcoming families, running the session, preparing refreshments, craft activities, tidying away and singing to finish.

The volunteering role is for 3 hours and you can volunteer at which ever session is closest of most convenient for you.

New! Volunteer Police Cadets Leader Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary

We have an enthusiastic and talented team of volunteer leaders made up of police officers, staff and people from the local community.

There are opportunities to become a leader no matter how many hours a week/month you are able to volunteer. The units operate around 2 hours per week in term times and you will be asked to assist in the running of sessions and supervision of cadets at policing events. You do not need any qualifications to become a leader as you will receive training to support you to develop your own knowledge and skillset.

New! School governor - Redwood Park Academy Portsmouth School Governors

We are a special school for 154 pupils aged 11-16 years who have complex learning difficulties. In addition to their learning difficulties some pupils have other needs associated with autistic spectrum condition, speech, language and communication difficulties and medical conditions. We are recruiting for two Co-opted Governors.

Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to young people, give something back to your local community and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment.

Fundraising and Finance

New! Community Coordinator IAPWA

INTERNATIONAL AID FOR THE PROTECTION AND WELFARE OF ANIMALS (IAPWA) FUNDRAISING GROUP PROGRAMME

IAPWA are developing community-based fundraising groups across the UK consisting of people who are passionate about improving animal welfare. Each group will be led by a Community Coordinator, who is in charge of recruiting volunteers, keeping in touch with IAPWA and leading the group's activities. After being set up, the fundraising groups would be hosting their own fundraisers, attending events to raise awareness of IAPWA and generally acting as ambassadors for the charity in their region.

New! Volunteer Debt Relief Order Administrator THE YOU TRUST/ Advice Portsmouth

The Volunteer Debt Relief Order Administrator provides high quality administrative services and support the Advice Portsmouth team to help the people of Portsmouth and those Portsmouth City Council residents who live in Leigh Park and Wecock Farm to solve their problems. Dealing professionally with all enquiries from team members and clients and providing what matters to the client in person and on the telephone.

New! Fundraising Group Coordinator Muscular Dystrophy UK

We're looking to develop new fundraising groups around the country, bringing together small groups of individuals who'd like to act as enthusiastic ambassadors for MDUK, raising awareness of muscle-wasting conditions. As the volunteer group co-ordinator, your role will be to work closely with MDUK staff to set up a new group in your area.

Why volunteer? You'll meet new people, develop your leadership, teamwork, fundraising and communication skills, and you'll be doing something meaningful for people affected by muscle-wasting conditions in your local area.

Volunteer Marketing Assistant THE YOU TRUST/ Advice Portsmouth

The Volunteer Marketing Assistant will provide high quality marketing services and support the Advice Portsmouth team to help the people of Portsmouth and those Portsmouth City Council residents who live in Leigh Park and Wecock Farm to solve their problems. Dealing professionally with all enquiries from team members, clients and agencies in person and on telephone.

What I do/do with others

The Volunteer Marketing Assistant will work with team members and clients of Advice Portsmouth to deliver the Purpose:; I recognise and value the capabilities of clients and focus on helping them to build their independence and self-reliance, To assist at Community and Volunteer events together with looking at possible events for the service to attend, To assist in progressing Advice Portsmouth on Social Media, To look for fundraising opportunities for the service and to assist with fundraising events, To assist in progressing Advice Portsmouth within the Community by making them aware of the services we provide, To ensure the Community are provided with Posters and leaflets i.e. Community centres, Hospitals, Mental health services, Wellbeing groups, BAME Groups, GP surgeries, libraries etc, To help and support team members to produce and update Factsheets.

Befriending, Mentoring & Supporting People

New! Volunteer group coordinator

Abilities for Life

The Independence and Wellbeing Team is part of Portsmouth City Council Adult Social Care. We support adults to stay independent in the community and improve their wellbeing.

The Independence and Wellbeing Team runs a social club, "Diversi-Tea Lounge" for adults to prevent loneliness and isolation and provide a space for people to socialise and get information about services. The group runs on a weekly basis in a local community centre. At the group meetings, there is time to have a tea, coffee and a chat and we usually have guest speakers attend from different organisations to provide information about their services.

New! Independent visitor

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We are looking for a young woman who is happy to travel to Waterlooville to meet with a young person in care. A befriending role that involves visiting a child or young person in care once a month. You get to enjoy fun activities together out in the community and become a friend and positive influence to your young person just by being yourself, spending time with them, and listening.

Trustee

Eastney Area Community Association

Trustees wanted to join the EACA Management Committee that manages Eastney Community Centre. The Management Committee meet at 6pm on the third Wednesday of the month, excluding August and December. Meetings usually last one and a half hours maximum. The AGM is held in October at 7pm following the monthly meeting.

Community Team Leader Portsmouth

NCT Portsmouth

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity where you can meet new people but also have the flexibility to decide when and where you volunteer?

We are looking for a volunteer to help build and lead a local team of volunteers who will organise NCT events and activities to support local parents. You will be directly involved in deciding what type of events and activities you think are most needed locally.

This is an exciting role where you can help make a real difference to parents in your community. You will need to be good at working in a team, motivating others and decision making.

You will be supported by our central Volunteering Team and our amazing NCT family of volunteers across the UK and Channel Islands who will help support you every step of the way.

Community Group Volunteer - Portsmouth

Autism Hampshire (serendipity)

We have a Serendipity Group that is growing in popularity in Portsmouth. We need an extra pair of hands to help the two volunteers that are currently coordinating the group.

We need organised and passionate individuals who want to support and facilitate community groups for autistic adults in your local community. Our groups are designed to help autistic adults to meet in a welcoming and non-judgemental setting. We need friendly and caring volunteers to make this happen.

IT & Social Media

New! Social media volunteer Together in the Hive Portsmouth

Together in the Hive Portsmouth, is Portsmouth's Volunteer Centre. We recruit and advertise volunteer opportunities for over 200 charities and organisations. We are looking for volunteers to help promote volunteering in the city as well as promote all the good work charities and organisations do.

This role is perfect for anyone who desires experience in social media management/ marketing or would like to develop their online communication skills.

The social media volunteer will need to be confident navigating all types of social media platforms, and have an understanding of the way in which people communicate on the platform and be able to adapt their writing style to suit this.

New! Graphic Design Volunteer Victoria Park

We are looking for a volunteer to help with graphic design in a task-orientated role. As part of the revitalization project a tree trail will be designed to guide people around the park. We are looking for a volunteer to help with the design elements of this trail putting together the tree information provided by the project into a well-designed and clear format for the public to use. This role is initially aimed at a specific task, to update the tree trail, however there is the potential for other opportunities through design of posters and information.

New! AbilityNet Volunteer Coordinator Role Profile (working from home plus external visits) Abilitynet

All across the UK our 300 volunteers support older and/or disabled people at home to offer one-to-one support with their technology, whether that's a computer, laptop, smartphone or tablet. They trouble shoot technical issues, offer impartial advice on technology, set up new tech and install hardware and software, show people how to use their tech at home e.g. shop online, send and receive emails and Skype with family and friends and make adaptations to support a disabled person's specific technology needs. Each area has a volunteer Coordinator at the helm, managing the balance of client requests and volunteer resource to ensure each client's IT needs are met in a timely and effective manner.

Supporting You at Home Volunteer Royal Voluntary Service - Supporting You at Home Hampshire

Our Royal Voluntary Service is powered by people like you at our heart, sharing time to help older members of your community to stay healthy, independent and active in their own homes, often after a period in hospital.

There can be many different ways to support an individual, so the first step will usually be an assessment by a Service Coordinator. This is very much led by the person receiving the support, as it's about what they'd like to achieve. They'd then be matched to a volunteer – someone local, with similar interests.

Reception and Administration duties

Volunteer Information Assistant THE YOU TRUST/ Advice Portsmouth

The Volunteer Information Assistant provides support to the Advice Portsmouth team to help the people of Portsmouth and those Portsmouth City Council residents who live in Leigh Park and Wecock Farm to solve their problems. Dealing professionally with all enquiries from team members and clients and providing what matters to the client in person and on the telephone. The Information Assistant is client facing and actively builds a trusting relationship with clients in helping them to access Advice Portsmouth and other local services as well as assisting clients to find literature and information in paper format and online, assisting to deliver the help clients need to enable them to lead secure and independent lives.

Volunteer Receptionist THE YOU TRUST/ Advice Portsmouth

The Volunteer Receptionist helps people in Portsmouth and those Portsmouth City Council residents who live in Leigh Park and Wecock Farm to access advice. The Volunteer Receptionist ensures clients are welcomed, manages the flow of clients to advisors to provide an excellent service to all visitors to the centre

The Receptionist provides a service to clients according to the following principles:

- I understand the needs of the client and what matters to them. I listen and act on that ensuring that timely advice is accessed.
- I ensure that clients feel welcomed and safe within confidential surroundings.
- I ensure that whenever possible I can help a client to help themselves through written materials or the use of a line advice or website.

Library of Things Receptionist Share (Portsmouth)

This role will involve helping our members when they come to the hub to borrow and return items.

The main tasks will involve finding requested items in the library, so they're ready for members to collect; checking out items when members come to collect them, including ensuring IDs are checked on the first borrow and taking payments; and checking items back in on return. The checking in and out will involve our online system 'MyTurn'.

You'll be friendly and good at communicating, as well as able to quickly learn our systems with basic computer skills.

Volunteer Circle of Support Administrator THE YOU TRUST/ Advice Portsmouth

The Volunteer Administrator provides high quality administrative services and support to the Community Circle of Support Partner and Advice Portsmouth Manager. The Community Circle of Support helps the people who face hardship through a variety of causes: Benefits delays, sanctions, domestic abuse, homelessness, illness, disability, food/fuel poverty, digital exclusion, literacy/numeracy skills. Dealing professionally with all enquiries from team members and clients and providing what matters to the client in person and on the telephone.