

volunteering newsletter

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Volunteer Centre Bolton

Welcome to our Autumn newsletter covering news, events and volunteer opportunities. Our volunteers continue to make an impact at this important time for the sector in a challenging environment.

One of the areas of work that we are currently working on is a joint project with Gwen Mason, a Diversity Officer at Volunteering Greater Manchester.

We are working towards having a Volunteering Fair in Spring 2012 which will be aimed at individuals who have additional needs and barriers to volunteering.

So, if you are a volunteer involving organisation and you need more volunteers, a fresh perspective on how to engage volunteers and want to make your volunteering opportunities more appealing to more people then please get in touch with us. You can contact Gwen Mason on 0161 831 5457 gwenm@refugee-action.org.uk or Heather Potter 01204 456361 heather@boltoncvcs.org.uk.

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Don't forget that you can also access hundreds of volunteering opportunities on the Do-it website - www.do-it.org.uk - they are listed by interest and area.



Events

Why Volunteer? Workshops

Interested in helping others? Spare time to give to a good cause? Would like to volunteer to give something back to community? If so, then these informal workshops are for you.

Run by **Peter Sloan**, who has many years of experience in the voluntary sector, and held at the **Bolton Hub**, we are pleased to announce a number of free, informative sessions covering all aspects of volunteering; a step-by-step guide providing insights and information with handouts.

These regular pre-volunteering workshops to help people get into volunteering. They last an hour and give people the information they need to make the right choice.

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>
Tues, 18th Oct		2:00 - 3:00
Mon, 31st Oct		2:00 - 3:00
Mon, 7th Nov	11:00 - 12:00	
Wed, 16th Nov	11:00 - 12:00	
Wed, 23rd Nov	10:00 - 11:00	
Mon, 5th Dec	10:00 - 11:00	
Wed, 14th Dec		2:00 - 3:00
Tues, 20th Dec	10:00 - 11:00	

We can arrange 1-2-1 interviews to go through various opportunities available.

To book a place or to find out more about getting involved in volunteering call or email the Volunteer Centre for more details.

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what's in it for YOU?



Latest Opportunities

Hoot

Hoot is Bolton's Credit Union, and is open to anyone who lives, studies or works in Bolton.

With a local service and community collection points, Hoot offers a safe and convenient way to save, including accounts for junior savers, a Christmas savings club and a school savers scheme, and access to low cost, affordable loans, including green loans to fund energy efficient home improvements.

Hoot Board Director

We are looking for a Board Director who will be responsible to ensure that the Credit Union complies with all statutory and regulatory requirements of its registered rules.

Supervisory Committee Member

The Supervisory Committee is a small team whose role is to ensure that financial and other operating information presented to the Board is accurate, relevant, timely and complete. You will be help prepare accurate, balanced and up-to-date accounting records and financial reports, which comply with relevant plans, policies and procedures as established by the Board of Directors; help establish policies and procedures that safeguard against error, carelessness, conflict of interest, self-dealing and fraud.

Dance4life

Workshop Facilitator

Working as part of a team of four you will be visiting schools to deliver a 2½ hour, interactive dance4life workshop to students aged 15-18.

Presented to audiences of around 300 young people at a time, the aim of the Dance4life workshop is to inform young people about HIV. Topics include how it is transmitted, stigma and discrimination; HIV in the UK and around the world and action planning in the face of the global pandemic.

Our tour team will have at least one facilitator who is living positively with HIV, who will also share their story during the workshop in order to make a connection between the idea of HIV and the reality of it.

Development Trainer

To deliver skills4life sessions in schools in their areas. Sessions will address relationships, sexual health, pregnancy and HIV and AIDS from a global perspective, and show students how to use different contraception and discuss sexual health in a way that engages young people.

You will need to be flexible in this role as one week you could be running 2-3 sessions and other weeks you may run none.

Contact Chelle Parker more info or an application form:
chelle@restlessdevelopment.org

Back on Track Volunteer Drivers

Back on Track provides Adult Education, engaging hard-to-reach adults into education and providing skills training, mentoring, support, advice and guidance to help learners to progress into a new future.

They are urgently looking for drivers – days and times vary – to take offenders on probation to volunteering taster days in the community. Volunteers will need to be friendly, enthusiastic, supportive and able to work individually or as part of a team. Good communication skills and a willingness to attend training as provided to develop skills and knowledge also required. †

⚡ You will need a clean driving licence; volunteers must not be on probation as they will be supervising/transporting offenders currently on probation. The role is on a flexible commitment basis and arranged by appointment.

ChildLine

Schools Service Programme Delivery Volunteer

Part of the NSPCC, ChildLine, a service for children and young people with a free 24 hour helpline 0800 1111 (childline.org.uk) aims to prevent cruelty to children and to protect children who are at risk of being harmed.

The School Service Programme Delivery service focuses on primary school children from 5 to 11.

Volunteers will be trained to deliver key safeguarding messages to primary age children via a 1/2 hour assembly presentation and hour-long workshops to class sized groups. Full training, regular support and supervision provided.

No qualifications are required, just a willingness to learn about presentation skills, workshop delivery to primary age children and key safeguarding messages. More info and an online application form @ www.nspcc.org/schoolsservice.

Bolton and Bury Cat Rescue

Fundraiser/ Events Organiser

As a charity that is entirely dependent on fundraising activities we really have to make the most out of every fundraising opportunity. In the last 18 months, our small team of volunteers have arranged fashion shows, bowling nights, pub quizzes, sponsored walks and celebrity auctions. We have even walked across hot coals!!

We need new volunteers to support and promote our existing events, get creative and start developing and managing new ideas. Our wonderful team will of course help you every step of the way, and as we are all volunteers too we really are all in it together!!

Enthusiasm is a must, as well as dedication, good communication skills and a sense of humour. So if you want your volunteering activities to add real bite to your CV, make new friends, develop new skills or simply 'do your bit' to help abandoned and neglected animals, then we want to hear from you.

PR Officer/ Social Media Co-ordinator

Do you tweet more than you talk? If your Facebook status is not updated for 24 hours does somebody contact the police? Do you want to work in the media and get experience? If this sound likes you, this could be the opportunity for you!

Are you enthusiastic, passionate about animal welfare and have great communication and IT skills? Our team of existing volunteers will support you every step of the way but we also let our volunteers carve out the roles they enjoy and want to take forward. We have monthly meetings to keep everyone up-to-date and give every volunteer the opportunity to discuss crucial issues to help take the charity forward.

The Bond Board Befriender

The Bond Board works with homeless people. It can provide a bond or deposit to help them to secure accommodation. Volunteers are required to assist clients with finding a home in the private rented sector, arranging and accompanying clients on viewings. Volunteers will then assist with setting up and sustaining the tenancy such as helping set up utilities and furniture packages.

EMMAUS Bolton Trustee

With 21 Communities around the UK, Emmaus Communities offer homeless people a home, work and the chance to rebuild their lives in a supportive environment.

Starting with just an idea in 1998, the present pioneer team has established Emmaus Bolton as a financially viable community of 16 Companions, and is now ready to 'hand over the baton' to those who will carry the work forward through the next phase of development. The incoming Chair with the continuing support and assistance of the veterans, will have the challenge and the joy of putting together and leading the new team.

Skills required: a strategic thinker with mature judgement, a head for business and a heart for people, able to lead with an eyes-on, hands-off management style, and willing to immerse in the unique Emmaus values and methods.

Club 7 to 11

Club 7 to 11 promotes a safe environment for children aged 7-11, encouraging children from all walks of life to learn from each other. We provide a sense of community, nurturing environment, and stimulating activities including craft, basic cooking skills and healthy food activities. †

† A volunteer is needed to support activities on a Friday evening based at St. Andrews Methodist Church in Tonge Moor.

Manchester Circles of Support & Accountability Support Volunteer

Manchester Circles of Support & Accountability aims to reduce sex offending by working in close partnership with Criminal Justice Agencies to assist those who are committed not to reoffend in safely integrating them back into the community and leading responsible, productive and accountable lives.

A Circle is a group of 4-6 community volunteers meeting with a person convicted of sexual offences and committed to change. Circles serve as support networks for offenders in the midst of fear, hostility and isolation; whilst acting as a responsible 'community' concerned that safety is not compromised.

Circles need committed people willing to be trained as Circle Volunteers, being an opportunity to be part of an innovative project with the chance to make a real difference in reducing the risk of harm to children. We offer a comprehensive training programme and volunteers are supported and supervised by appropriate professionals throughout the period of contact with offenders.

Where to find us...

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