

Society Guide to Volunteering

Sheffield Volunteering are here to help students get involved in community volunteering across the city. We work with hundreds of organisations and run our own projects and activities too.

We offer:

- funding - volunteering won't cost your society a penny!
- contacts with local organisations
- equipment & resources
- training & advice
- dedicated staff support
- HEAR recognition

IMPORTANT: Society volunteering involving children / vulnerable adults MUST be approved in advance by Sheffield Volunteering. You and your society members will NOT be covered by insurance and your society will be in breach of Union regulations otherwise.

We are here to make sure that that your members and participants are safe and enjoy the experience.

Volunteering is open to Sheffield University students and staff only. This does not include non-student or associate members.

What's on offer?

Give It A GO volunteering days

Challenge your society to try something new! These days are easily accessible. You recruit your team, talk to us about date(s) and we'll do the rest.

Examples include setting up a performance space for a local arts organisation and creating a sensory garden for children with disabilities. Suits teams of 10 - 20.

Is there a cause you are passionate about? Set up your own project!

Lead a team to run your own project e.g. Dance Soc's classes for trafficked women, BMS's fun primary science lessons and SOAP's interactive sessions on sustainability and food.

Our Project Leader training will help you get started. Preparation is required but running a project can be an amazing experience.

Volunteering is great for wellbeing! Help your members feel more involved in your society and connected with Sheffield. You'll raise the profile of your society and you could win an award at the Sheffield Volunteering Awards night too!





Community Events

We organise one off events throughout the year for societies to share their skills. You design your activity, recruit your volunteers (often 5 - 10) and we'll help you sort the rest (if you are short of ideas, we can help you with that too!) e.g. Science Brainwaves taught children to extract DNA from strawberries, Singapore Society played traditional games and shared Pandan cake at a community party and Music Players performed festive tunes for local older people.



Tell your members about the Sheffield Volunteering website

No time? Help your members help themselves! They can view roles with over 200 local organisations. Once registered, they will receive weekly updates on the latest volunteering news and opportunities available across the city.

Getting Started....

- have a chat with your committee about what might appeal to your members
- think about when you want the volunteering to happen and if you have any other commitments as a society or individually
- consider who might be interested and how you might recruit them...
- arrange a chat with one of our friendly Sheffield Volunteering staff who can advise and talk through the options in more detail

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Browse: www.sheffieldvolunteering.com

Email: volunteering@sheffield.ac.uk

Pop in: Sheffield Volunteering office, Activities Zone, opposite the Sports Office.

Don't delay! The earlier you come to talk to us about your ideas, then the more likely we can help you make them happen.

