

Community Volunteering with Horizon Volunteering

Community Volunteering gives you the opportunity to get involved in a wide range of volunteering activities in areas such as children and young people, environment, culture and media, human rights, support and advice, youth work, physical and mental health, and many more. The opportunities are endless!

We work with more than 100 organisations, so whether your passion is art or sport, conservation or education, we have all sorts of opportunities to work with all kinds of people. And you won't be alone- hundreds of Coventry University students sign up to volunteer each year!

For those who would like to try volunteering or have limited spare time, why not try a one-off Challenge? You'll be amazed at what you can achieve in a day!

The next one-off volunteering event is 'CSV Make a Difference Day' at the end of October. This will be the UK's biggest annual day of volunteering and you can be part of it! It is a great opportunity to make friends, try out new things and share skills but above all to make a difference to your local community. For more details or to get involved- contact us!

Schools Volunteering with Horizon Volunteering

Interested in a career in teaching or working with children in general, well volunteering in schools may be just right for you!

At Horizon Volunteering we have a variety of school based volunteering activities, all of them differing in the level of commitment and type of activity. Plus, volunteering in schools gives you the chance to develop key transferable skills and gain valuable professional work experience to help enhance your CV and shape your future career.

If this sounds like the sort of thing that interests you, then contact horizon at; volunteering.su@coventry.ac.uk but be quick, placements in schools are limited and the necessary one-off training sessions take place at various times throughout October and November.

My Volunteering Experiences

I registered with Horizon Volunteering in January 2009. My previous experience in volunteering was limited at the time-it was something I had always wanted to do so I went on the Horizon Volunteering website and found out that there were one-off volunteering activities, as well as long-term volunteering commitments which I could get involved in.

The experience I have gained as a volunteer has been invaluable. I have been exposed to a great work environment at the Refugee Centre-everyone there is very friendly and always willing to answer the numerous questions which I ask them. My experience in volunteering also proved valuable in getting a temporary administrative job in Coventry. I have met people from different backgrounds and volunteering has made me a more positive person, and I am happy that I have been able to be of service to others.

To those who wish to become a volunteer, I can tell you that it is a worthwhile experience. No student can study for 24 hours a day; there is always some spare time which could be used to enrich the lives of others.

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