

West Yorkshire Opportunities

OXFAM ONLINE HUB, BATLEY

About Oxfam



“Lift one person

and they will lift others...

We know people have the power to change their lives, and the lives of those around them. All they need is a little lift.”

If you want to know more about Oxfam, visit their website at oxfam.org.uk

Volunteer Opportunities

Batley Online Hub is one of the principal online listers for Oxfam Online Shop. Their team of volunteers work tirelessly to photograph and showcase the fabulous donations, offering the most distinctive, sought after and valuable pieces to a worldwide audience through the Oxfam Online Shop:

www.oxfam.org.uk/what-we-do

Groups of volunteers sort donated clothing, steam the clothes, photograph and list them (similar to how you would list an item on ebay).

Oxfam are very flexible around times and can offer a half shift or full day.

Groups of up to 18 can be accommodated, but possibly more could be accommodated depending on the activities and day plan.

There are a range of tasks to do in terms of both physical and mental aspects, so everyone can be involved.

ZEST, LEEDS



About ZEST:

Zest offers support and opportunity to people living in disadvantaged areas of Leeds, addressing health inequalities and social isolation through activities which improve physical, mental, social and emotional wellbeing.

If you want to know more, visit their website at:

Zest Health for Life: www.zesthealthforlife.org

Volunteer opportunities

Zest run sessions for local children and their families on specific dates – TBC

The sessions are from 11am - 1pm and DWP volunteers help to set up the room for the session, help with the crafts, join in the games, spend time on the sign-in desk and give out lunches.

PARTICIPATE PROJECTS, BRADFORD AREA



Volunteer Opportunities (4):

1. Peel Park Primary School

Peel Park Primary School is based in Undercliffe in Bradford. The school serves a disadvantaged inner city community in Bradford and is keen to develop outdoor learning opportunities across the curriculum. Several parts of the outdoor classroom have been completed but there are elements that have yet to be started or need completion.

Challenge Details

This is a large challenge for 30+ people however the tasks could be allocated to smaller groups. The path through the Peel park Primary nature trail has been cut by a mechanical digger and some features have been installed (outdoor theatre, den, bog garden and boardwalk, reading area). The site needs a number of additional features to increase the outdoor learning potential of the site and the habitat within the site. Additional features include:

- Completion of boardwalks over boggy areas of on the path
- Firepit with 30 log seats
- Signage for the site
- Bird boxes, bat boxes, hedgehog boxes
- Log piles, trapdoors and habitat

Dates to volunteer are flexible.

2. Pakistani and Worldwide Community Link

Pakistani and Worldwide Community Link (PWCL) run a range of services from the Pakistan Community Centre in Manningham, Bradford. Services include advice and guidance sessions for people from all sections of the community covering benefits, housing, employment and debt. The centre also offers a large community space for the use of local people and runs a variety of other community projects.

Challenge Details

This is a very large challenge that could accommodate up to 100 volunteers. The challenge could be broken down into smaller teams of 10+

The large purpose built community centre run by the PWCL presents a range of challenges for the team of workers. The building is in need of renovation and modernization. In many areas this requires nothing more than redecoration. The volunteers will be undertaking painting and decorating tasks throughout the building. This will include communal areas (corridors, kitchens,

offices and hallways). Teams will be given an area of the building and tasked with completing a full redecoration (filling and repairing damage, repainting walls, sanding and repainting woodwork, repainting ceilings, repainting radiators and other metalwork, fitting carpet tiles etc).

Additional outdoor challenges will include cutting back overgrown bushes and shrubs in front of the building, carrying out minor repairs to the car park and weeding around the building. The outside of the building is also in need of a fresh coat of paint.

Dates to volunteer are flexible.

3. Keyhouse

Keyhouse is a homeless charity based in Yorkshire. They have drop in centres and housing in Bradford and Keighley. They have recently developed a training kitchen so they can train people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in catering skills, so they might be able to pursue a career in this sector.. They have just been awarded money from the Royal Horticultural Society to build a kitchen garden at the back of the new kitchen. The idea is that service user will be able to get involved in growing, cooking and eating vegetables - and in turn, get the health and financial benefits of doing so.

At this point the garden is an old children's playground.

Challenge Details

This is challenge if for between 10 and 20 people.

At this point the plans have the following things to build as part of the kitchen garden:

Making raised planting beds and filling them with soil

Planting up a raised pond

Building a container herb garden

Planting Trees

Making a greenhouse

Making a seating area , BBQ and Clay Oven.

Dates to volunteer are flexible.

4. Action for Community / Action for Business

Action for Community and Action for Business are community regeneration organisations with a simple aim – making Manningham a great place to live and work. Manningham is one of the most culturally diverse places in

Bradford; it is also one of the most enterprising whilst also being one of the most deprived.

Challenge details

This is a small challenge and would need between 5 and 7 volunteers. Tasks would include:

- Preparing and painting a series of columns in the main atrium
- Creating a huge blackboard that will be used for community notices.

Dates to volunteer are flexible.

Holbeck Elderly Aid, Leeds



About Holbeck Elderly Aid (HEA)

HEA is a registered charity located in one of the most deprived areas of the country. Its aims include:

- Helping improve older people's quality of life.
- To help prevent social isolation.
- Improve physical & mental health of people 60+.
- To enable older people to live independently in the community if they wish.

More detailed information can be found on the Holbeck Elderly Aid website:
<http://holbeckelderlyaid.org.uk>

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are required to get the partially-transformed garden finished and the, when finished, maintained. The initial work would ideally suit a team or group of between 10-20 volunteers, but smaller groups would be welcome, and the maintenance could be done by a team of around 6 people at a time.

Volunteers (usually one or two) are also welcome to help at the weekly lunch club. This is held every Tuesday and provides a hot 3 course lunch to approx 20 older people. The lunch club is held at St Matthews Community Centre, Holbeck. The lunch takes place between 12.15 and 1.30pm. Volunteers would help serve the lunch, wash up afterwards, and do the raffle. The volunteer time would be between approx 11.45 to 2pm.

If anyone has a specific hobby/interest, for example computers, local history, craft, sport etc and would like to do a one-of session with the service users, that can be arranged.

In the summer they will be looking at painting the office. This would be ideal for teams of volunteers. The building could be split into 3 areas and the painting done on 3 different days.

Volunteers will also be required to assist at special events which are arranged throughout the year. Specific details will be published when known.

In the wintertime HEA provide food hampers for the elderly and would be grateful if DWP would like to do an in-house collection (items such as soups/biscuits/ tea bags/ tinned beans etc, and put together some hampers. A group of volunteers could then distribute the hampers they have made. They would then get to meet the very grateful service users and feel like they are giving something back to the community.

Mosaic



About Mosaic:

Mosaic inspires young people from deprived communities to realise their talents and potential.

Founded by HRH the Prince of Wales in 2007, Mosaic's mentoring programmes create opportunities for young people growing up in our most deprived communities. Our programmes are delivered by volunteers, and lift the aspirations of young people and close the gap between those aspirations and their attainment. By linking young people with inspirational role models in this way, we boost their confidence, self-efficacy and long-term employability.

Mosaic is an initiative of Business in the Community (BITC), part of the family of charities overseen by The Prince's Charities, the largest multi-cause charitable enterprise in the United Kingdom.

Volunteering opportunities

Mosaic have two on-going mentoring programmes with primary and secondary school students in Leeds, Bradford, Keighley and Rotherham:

- The primary school programme is with mothers and daughters (must be female volunteers) and with families (can be male or female volunteers). This requires a commitment of 1 hour per week for 8 weeks. Pre-mentoring training of 3 hours is mandatory.
- The secondary school programme is group mentoring with a ratio of 1 mentor to 5 or 6 students. The commitment is 7 x 1 hour sessions across the academic year, and is open to male and female volunteers. Pre-mentoring training of 3 hours is mandatory.
- Mosaic also offers a once-a-year Enterprise Challenge opportunity which is a national competition linking business mentors with students for a total of 6 hours.

This takes the form of an online business simulation challenge, and the top five teams go forward to the finals.

Currently Mosaic are looking for 45 mentors for the Enterprise Challenge and, while mentors from all locations are welcome to put forward an expression of interest, they are particularly looking for 5 or 6 mentors from the Hull area.

Training takes place in November/December and the mentoring begins in January/February.

CRB checks are required for all mentoring programmes but are completed and paid for by Mosaic.

Overgate Hospice



About Overgate Hospice:

Overgate Hospice aim is to care for the whole person to give them the best possible quality of life. Overgate Hospice provide support for their families and carers. Treatment is based upon an approach that treats each person as an individual. Overgate Hospice care for the “whole person” including their physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs.

If you want to know more please visit their website:

www.overgatehospice.org.uk/

Volunteer Opportunities:

Charity shops – for individual volunteers – in Elland, Brighouse (furniture), King Cross, Ovenden, Hebden Bridge, Sowerby Bridge, Todmorden and Halifax.

Opportunities for teams or groups of individuals may also be available; these are likely to be of a practical nature, including painting/decorating and gardening.

COMPACT EDUCATION BUSINESS SERVICES (CEBS), WEST YORKSHIRE



About CEBS

Compact Education Business Services is at the forefront in forging new and dynamic learning partnerships between the community, business and education. Our programme delivery teams are experienced professionals and all committed to a 'hands on' approach to a broad and flexible range of programmes and services directly relevant to the needs of young people and those who work with them.

If you want to know more, their website is at:

Compact Education Business Service: <http://designidea.webs.com/>

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering opportunities are to assist and facilitate education-related events, which will be advertised and promoted as and when Community 10,000 is notified of them.

Herd Farm Activity Centre, Leeds



About Herd Farm

Herd Farm offers a wide range of activities for young people. They can help young people reach their full potential and, by taking young people out of a classroom environment they help them to re-connect with learning using the natural environment as their inspiration.

They also offer activities for adult groups, which enable team-building by working together to achieve a common goal.

If you want to know more, visit the Herd farm website: www.herdfarm.co.uk

Volunteering opportunities

Activities are for teams (or groups of individual volunteers) up to 40 people at a time, and are of a physical, normally outdoor nature, and could include:

- Building a barbeque area
- Footpath clearance and maintenance
- Gardening
- Creating a sensory garden.

Leeds Education Business Partnership



Throughout the academic year, Leeds Education Business Partnership are running several activities in local secondary schools to help increase students' employability skills and business awareness. These events raise young people's aspirations for the future and increase their confidence.

One day Volunteer Opportunities

Cashpoints: Thurs 19th June: Benton Park High School: ~8.30am - 3pm

Form an orderly queue because it's time for Cashpoints! If you haven't already supported this event, roll up your sleeves and get ready for a treat! Loud, fast and delightfully competitive - can you help a team of 6 students lead their business to victory on the day by maximising sales and income? Participants learn what's important for success in business and get a chance to use and develop all the skills needed to make that success happen. No special knowledge or experience is required to volunteer at this business simulation game and volunteer places go fast so if you're interested, let me know.

You're Hired! interview skills training: Fri 11th July: Mount Saint Mary's High School: ~8.30am - 3pm

At this You're Hired! interview skills training event you will support a team of 6 year 9 students (aged 13-14yrs) to participate in a series of tasks designed to teach them how to succeed at a job interview. We ask that volunteers for this event have some previous experience of conducting interviews e.g. in a recruitment / HR / team manager role. This event is lead from the front by a member of the EBP and your role is to ensure your team understand the tasks set and help them to perform well by giving guidance and sharing your experience of how to succeed at interview.

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

Mentoring: ~1hr per week: Ongoing

Could you help a young person increase their confidence, self-esteem and aspirations for the future? Would you like to help them understand what will make them 'employable' and help them to progress into further training or employment? You would meet with your mentee on a regular basis (weekly / fortnightly) at a mutually convenient location for 30-60mins at a time. Full training and support is provided to volunteer mentors so all you need is the desire to help.

Emmaus Leeds



About Emmaus:

Emmaus Communities enable people to move on from homelessness, providing work and a home in a supportive, family environment. Companions - as residents are known — work full time collecting renovating and reselling donated furniture. This work supports the Community financially and enables residents to develop skills and rebuild their self-respect.

Companions receive accommodation, food, clothing and a small weekly allowance, but for many, the greatest benefit is a fresh start. To join a Community, they sign off unemployment benefits and agree to participate in the life and work of the Community and abide by its rules.

Emmaus is about people, many of whom arrive at Emmaus at a very low point in their lives. People become homeless for many different reasons but relationship breakdown, bereavement, addiction or abuse have often played a part. In Emmaus, they find the space and support they need to start rebuilding their lives.

There are 21 communities in the UK and they are all individual charities who are part of the Emmaus federation. If you want to know more about Emmaus, the website is at:

Welcome to Emmaus UK: www.emmaus.org.uk

Volunteer Opportunities

There are a variety of opportunities for individuals and teams, and Emmaus Leeds are happy to discuss ideas about how DWP volunteers can help.

Individual opportunities include tasks such as sorting clothing, books and bric a brac donations, helping with marketing, e-commerce (such as ebay and amazon), event planning, furniture stripping and painting.

Team opportunities include practical tasks such as painting or working on the allotment, marketing or fundraising events.

Volunteers can also help indirectly by arranging 'donate days' where people bring unwanted items into work, and someone takes the responsibility to collect the items and take them to the Emmaus shop.

Leonard Cheshire Home In Edgerton, Huddersfield



About Leonard Cheshire Disability:

Leonard Cheshire Disability campaigns to change the way that society thinks about and responds to disability. They want people to think and act differently to make a positive difference to the lives of disabled people.

Beechwood is a residential home for adults with physical disabilities. They currently have residents of all (adult) ages.

If you want to know more about Leonard Cheshire Disability, their website is at:

www.LCDisability.org^{web}

Volunteer Opportunities

There are a variety of opportunities which are usually for teams of volunteers: helping with some tasks in the garden area, and helping at various events throughout the year.

Leonard Cheshire Home In Wetherby



About Leonard Cheshire Disability:

Leonard Cheshire Disability campaigns to change the way that society thinks about and responds to disability. They want people to think and act differently to make a positive difference to the lives of disabled people.

Wharfedale House in Wetherby is a residential home for people with a variety of disabilities. They currently have residents between 21 and 80 years of age.

If you want to know more about Leonard Cheshire Disability visit their website: www.lcdisability.org

Volunteer Opportunities

There are a variety of opportunities which are usually for teams of volunteers. At the moment the two tasks, in order of priority are: Painting and decorating the communal hallways and corridors; and helping the gardener with some tasks in the garden area.

Osmondthorpe Resource Centre, Leeds



About the Centre:

Osmondthorpe Resource Centre helps physically disabled adults many of whom have head/brain injuries or who have suffered a stroke. The centre has regular art and woodwork sessions for its attendees and, although the Centre is Council funded, it sometimes sells some of its products e.g. paintings and woodcraft to help pay for specific items or trips for the centre's service users.

Volunteer Opportunities

Opportunities are for teams or groups of volunteers to help with practical tasks, such as painting a room so that it can be used as a relaxation area, and helping in the garden. Other tasks and projects are sometimes possible to arrange if you have any specific skills to offer.

Bradley Wood Scout Activity Centre, Brighouse



About Bradley Wood:

Bradley Wood Scout Campsite and Activity Centre is the West Yorkshire County Scout Campsite and is set in the heart of West Yorkshire. It offers a great venue for youth groups and corporate customers alike. With over 45 acres of open and enclosed woodland and a selection of accommodation blocks, they can cater for most sizes of group

If you want to know more about the Centre, visit the Bradley Wood Website: www.bradleywood.org.uk

Volunteering opportunities

Bradley Wood can offer opportunities for groups of up to 12 volunteers. It may be possible to accommodate larger groups, but this would be dependant on the tasks available and the availability of the site staff.

There are always plenty of outdoor tasks to do, such as woodland clearance and footpath maintenance, and volunteers would be working under the guidance of the site warden and the assistant manager.

Forget Me Not Trust, Huddersfield

Forget Me Not Children's Hospice, Huddersfield



About the Hospice:

The Forget Me Not Children's Hospice supports children with life limiting conditions and their families. The charity began more than 12 years ago as a result of the challenges of a local mum whose son, Russell, became very ill and needed hospice care. She was concerned at the lack of local support, and set about changing this.

If you want to know more, their website is at:

Forget me not children's hospice: www.forgetmenotchild.co.uk

Volunteer Opportunities

The opportunities vary and are dependent on the needs of the charity and, as the charity grows and moves forward, the opportunities for volunteering will increase and change; and the charity team are happy to discuss all sorts of volunteering days.

Opportunities could be helping with administration, spending a day in one of their charity shops, or something more practical e.g. painting or gardening. The charity also offers team challenges, which provide a worthwhile and fun day for volunteers and a valuable source of help to the charity.

THE DONKEY SANCTUARY, LEEDS



About The Donkey Sanctuary (formerly the Elisabeth Svendsen Trust)

In January 2012 the **Elisabeth Svendsen Trust for Children and Donkeys** officially merged into **The Donkey Sanctuary**. This means that the Sanctuary's activities now include donkey-assisted therapy for children with additional needs and therapeutic visits for elderly people in the local community from centres in Belfast, Birmingham, Ivybridge, Leeds, Manchester and Sidmouth.

If you want to know more about The Donkey Sanctuary, their website is at:

The Donkey Sanctuary: www.thedonkeysanctuary.org.uk/riding-therapy

Volunteer Opportunities

Opportunities are for teams/groups of a variety of sizes and are either of a practical nature e.g helping to replace bark chippings leading up to the outdoor arena, or to help prepare for events which are organised throughout the year. As part of their day DWP volunteers are able to look round the Sanctuary and talk to staff and volunteers to get an insight into what the Sanctuary achieves. There is usually some donkey cuddle time factored in too!

Richmond Hill Elderly Action



About RHEA:

Richmond Hill Elderly Action (RHEA) is an independent charity working with and for older people living in the Richmond Hill, East End Park and Cross Green areas of Leeds.

They currently have 600 members and are always welcoming more to the services and activities that we provide, all of which promote social inclusion and help people to live happy, healthy and independent lives. RHEA was established 11 years ago through funding from Leeds City Council Social Services to address severe social exclusion and a lack of community activity. Since then they have gone from strength to strength and are continually developing themselves to reflect the changing needs of older people.

Volunteer Opportunities

Opportunities are for both teams of volunteers and individuals. Team opportunities are to help organise and/or assist at events held in the community centre, and individual opportunities are to help on outings and with the day to day activities at the centre. Individuals are also given the opportunity, when available, to accompany the outreach worker on home visits to RHEA's clients.