

We always have a wide range of voluntary opportunities available for people in Derby to get involved in. You can search for the opportunities that suit you at www.do-it.org.uk

We also offer a drop-in service with one to one sessions with one of our Volunteer Centre Advisers if you need more support to help you find something to get involved with. The drop-in service is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10.00 am and 5.00 pm at our office at 31 Charnwood Street in Derby or you can call us on 01332 342272.

Over the next few pages you will find some examples of different volunteering opportunities to give you an idea of what's currently available. Organisations write their own description of the opportunity, so some are more detailed than others.

Administration

Admin Assistant – Derby West Indian Association Credit Union

- A volunteer is required to help with admin and, specifically, filing.
- A good opportunity to use any admin skills and experience.

Administrator – Voice (Supporting Education and Learning)

- There are five trustees who administer the charity.
- A clerical administrator is required to undertake various tasks with the emphasis on increasing the number of charity members, fundraising for charity initiatives (currently a school classroom building project in Kenya), taking the minutes of the trustee meetings (three meetings per year) and assisting with the production of the charity's newsletters.

Receptionist – The Hadhari Project

- We would like to recruit a receptionist to greet clients and make sure they are signed in to the building, answer the telephone and general admin duties.
- All training is provided.

Advice, Information and Support

Information Volunteer – Arthritis Care (Central England Directorate)

- Identify and target a range of suitable outlets – hospitals, GP surgeries and libraries – for information about Arthritis Care.
- Ensuring the supply of up to date and relevant information to such outlets.
- Liaising with health professionals.
- Representing and promoting Arthritis Care – for example, at exhibitions, information points and local forums.
- Raising awareness of the needs of people with arthritis.
- Delivering standard presentations.
- Keep accurate monthly records.

Advice, Information and Support – continued

Taster Session and Learning Activities Support Volunteer – Derby City Libraries

- You will support informal learning sessions such as Internet Tasters and more formal courses as required.
- You would always be working alongside a member of library staff.
- There are no set times or days – it is an 'as and when' arrangement but sessions are usually planned well ahead; however you may sometimes be called at short notice.
- You could be asked to carry out a range of tasks – for example, giving one to one help to adult learners who may lack confidence, photocopying course material, promoting the activity within and outside the library, inviting people to join in, distributing leaflets and posters, making and serving drinks, giving out and collecting in evaluation forms and feedback from course participants.

Youth Action Team Member – Community Action Derby

- Involved is the new national youth volunteering programme, which is funded by the charity v. The project is aimed at 16 to 25 year olds. The project creates new volunteering opportunities for young people, promotes volunteering to young people and gets them involved into volunteering activities. The involved team uses young people to deliver this through our Youth Action Team (YAT).
- We are hoping you will be able to help shape the youth volunteering that we currently manage here at Community Action Derby. We need young people's ideas, thoughts and general input into what they would like to see provided here in the city. This group will be discussing youth issues and youth volunteering in general.
- What you'll actually be doing:
 - meeting other Youth Action Team members on a regular basis to discuss youth volunteering and youth issues;
 - working with the Youth Volunteer Adviser on these issues and coming up with solutions;
 - providing feedback to the youth representative on the Board of Trustees; and
 - sometimes working on issues that affect national policy or providing input into regional issues (this may involve attending regional events).

Art and Culture

Coffee Morning Helper – Derby City Libraries

- You would normally be working alongside a member of library staff.
- You would help prepare and serve refreshments, promote the coffee morning by talking to customers and handing out leaflets, collect feedback, promote other library services and facilities by talking to customers.

Graphic Design Volunteer – Derbyshire Association for the Blind

- We are looking for a volunteer graphic designer to help with the Fundraising Department by producing leaflets, information packs, posters and other materials.
- This is an excellent opportunity to help enhance the quality of life for visually impaired people throughout Derbyshire.

Volunteer Collections Box Steward – Disability Direct

- The volunteer will be helping to raise both funds and awareness for Enabled Art, a charitable organisation of disabled artists of all ages and abilities.
- The volunteer will begin by developing links with potential places in Derby City who will be willing to display a countertop collection box. The volunteer will then set up a network of boxes and remain in regular contact with the collection sites.
- The boxes will be emptied and counted at the Disability Direct office, ensuring accurate receipting and the volunteer will also be responsible for sending thank you letters and certificates of amounts raised to collection sites.
- The volunteer will be supported by the Fundraising Manager at Disability Direct and will be affiliated with the Information and Development team. A desk, phone and access to a computer will be made available and full training will be provided on using that equipment. All materials, stationery and postage will be supplied.
- The volunteer will undergo an induction to familiarise themselves with the office environment and there will be the opportunity for Disability Awareness training. Once a CRB check has been completed the volunteer can start.

Befriending and Buddying

Library Volunteers (Home Library Service) – Derby City Libraries

- ❑ You will visit housebound people in their own homes or in residential homes, taking books, audio books, DVDs and CDs to them at home and returning the items they have finished with to the library. You get to know their tastes and interests and choose items that you think they would enjoy.
- ❑ Normally you would visit once a month and should expect to spend a total of about two hours on each customer on each occasion, including choosing and returning the books.

Sitting Scheme – Derbyshire Autism Services Group (DASG)

- ❑ Children and young adults with autism have great difficulty in relating to those around them and making sense of the world we take for granted. A volunteer can be a vital link in the chain of understanding, participating and supporting.
- ❑ Volunteers help to care for someone with autism for a few hours per week or every other week at the young person's home, giving the family a break from caring.
- ❑ Volunteers may be 'sitting' in the daytime or the evening so that parents can have a social life together. It may provide time for parents to spend with other children in the family.

Volunteer Befriender – Alzheimer's Society (Derby Office)

- ❑ When a person is diagnosed with dementia, it is likely to have an impact on some of their abilities but there will still be lots that the person can enjoy doing, both individually and with others.
- ❑ Maintaining existing skills and interests as far as possible can give the person pleasure and boost their confidence. For this reason, it is important to help them find activities that they enjoy doing, and to continually adapt them to meet the person's changing interests and needs throughout the illness.
- ❑ Many beneficial activities and interests are the simple, everyday things many of us take for granted such as taking a walk, photography, gardening, outings, or looking after a pet.
- ❑ Through helping maintain the interests of the person with dementia, the volunteer is able to follow their own interests too.
- ❑ Keeping occupied and stimulated can improve quality of life for the person with dementia as well as those around them.

Catering

Cook – Women's Work

- ❑ Women's Work is an organisation that aims to provide respite for vulnerable women involved in substance misuse and alcohol abuse.
- ❑ We need an experienced cook to prepare meals during the drop in sessions on a Monday afternoon 12.00 to 3.00 pm and a Thursday afternoon 4.00 to 6.00 pm.
- ❑ This is a great chance to meet some new people, put your catering skills to good use and get a real sense of making a difference.

Kitchen Helper – The Hadhari Project

- ❑ We would like to recruit a part time Kitchen Helper. We provide lunch for approximately 20 over 55s at our centre.
- ❑ This is an ideal opportunity for someone who wants to gain kitchen/cooking experience.
- ❑ Full training is provided.

Meals on Wheels Assistant Volunteer – WRVS

- ❑ The main role for Meals on Wheels volunteers will be to help deliver a number of hot meals to older people who need them. The meals are prepared in a central kitchen and then taken out, by car or van, on a round to older people in one particular area.
- ❑ We need people to act as drivers' assistants, providing face to face contact with older people, giving companionship and ensuring that the customer is safe, warm and well.

Children

Pear Tree Play Scheme Volunteer – Pear Tree Play Scheme and Afterschool Club

- The Pear Tree Play Scheme provides these children with many fun based learning activities, which refrains the children from any deviant, criminal or anti social behaviour. Activities include pool tables, football tables, outdoor/indoor sports, board games, outings, computer games, bouncy castles, henna tattoos and face painting amongst other things. The children also participate in an annual talent show and sports day, where prizes and medals are handed out.
- The responsibilities of the volunteer are to:
 - assist, plan and deliver activities;
 - provide support and assistance to staff members where required;
 - help set up and clear activities;
 - play an active role and assist group leaders with children's activities; and
 - carry out any remedial duties as and when required.

Play and Activity Volunteers – Markeaton School's Out Club

- We are extending our successful Schools Out club to the Ashbourne Road/Markeaton area of Derby. We are looking to recruit volunteers to help support our activities for children. This will include:
 - craft and cookery activities;
 - reading to children; and
 - trips out.
- We are also looking to recruit local helpers to walk children to and from school.

Volunteer Play Worker – Connecting Communities (Barnardo's)

- Helping in our after school clubs with children aged five to 11 years or play schemes during the school holidays with children aged three to five years.
- You can also attend planning meetings bringing along any ideas you may have for the clubs.

Young Carers Volunteer – Action for Children (Derbyshire and Derby City Young Carers)

- The service covers the whole of Derbyshire and Derby City and we support children and young people under 18 years of age who take on significant caring responsibility. They may be caring for a parent with a terminal illness or poor mental health. They may be helping with the care of a brother or sister with a learning difficulty. There are many reasons why a young person may be caring, but for all of them the role of carer can have a significant affect on their day to day lives. Some young carers struggle with their education – getting homework done, getting to school on time – and others have few opportunities to meet up with friends or take part in leisure activities.
- The service involves volunteers to assist in providing a range of activities – for example, group work, outings, participation in local community activities, individual work, office based activities, driving/accompanying and residential. The list is not exhaustive and volunteering could provide other opportunities.
- If you are over 18, can drive and have a vehicle, have a few hours to spare, have a positive outlook, are non-judgemental, and enjoy working with children and young people, you could enjoy volunteering for our service.

Community Work

Lunch Club Volunteer – Sinfin Live at Home Scheme

- Helping in preparation of food.
- Serving lunches to elderly people in a day centre.

Project Volunteer – Derbyshire Advocacy Service

- Are you supportive and caring? Would you like to make a difference in someone's life? Then join us here at Revive.
- You will take part in a variety of events and projects around the City.
- You will also support staff to deliver training, create information in an easy read and accessible format and help raise awareness about learning disability issues.

Community Work – continued

Registered Speaker – Hearing Dogs for Deaf People

- Hearing Dogs for Deaf People has a dedicated network of volunteers throughout the UK who work to promote awareness of the charity and to raise funds for the training of dogs.
- Registered Speakers are our regional ambassadors. They spread the word to groups and organisations in their local area, following guidelines and principles set by the charity. The role is an important one as often this is the first time that people will have heard about the wonderful work our dogs do, and how they change the lives of deaf people. As well as promoting the charity, our speakers also help raise much needed funds and encourage others to do the same.
- Registered Speakers give as much or as little time as they choose to fit in with their own lifestyles. There is no set quota or target – every talk given is a bonus for the charity – but a good 'rule of thumb' is to be able to undertake at least one talk each month.
- Talk requests passed to a Speaker will be within an agreed geographical area and the Speaker will confirm the talk at a mutually convenient time with the group. Speakers are also encouraged to promote and organise their own talks with advertising materials provided by the charity.
- We provide training, any necessary equipment, and ongoing support while our Speakers deliver the talk, spread the Hearing Dogs' message and take the applause!

Scout Leader – 172 Derby Scout Group

- Organising and planning activities, supervising games and activities.
- Motivating other adults and young people.
- Going on trips and taking part in camps.

Disability

BME Project Eye Care Volunteers – Action for Blind People

- Many people in the East Midlands experience visual impairments which lead them to become either partially sighted or blind. However, not all of these people know how to access health and social care provision which would let them improve their health and welfare.
- Are you over 18 years of age and would you like to help people from your own community to receive better eye care and support?

Passenger Escorts – Derby Community Transport

- Enabling people with mobility problems to achieve greater independence.
- Escorts have the opportunity to assist passengers with shopping in Derby City Centre and social journeys which usually last two hours.

Sitting Service and Side By Side – Umbrella

- Volunteers are needed for our Sitting and Side By Side (befriending) schemes.
- Our volunteers care for disabled children and any siblings in the family's home whilst their parents take a much needed break.
- Or volunteers can become befrienders with a young person, enabling them to independently pursue a leisure activity of their choice outside of the family home.
- Applications are welcome from volunteers aged 18 years and above.

Driving

Befriender and Support Volunteer – Spondon, Chaddesden and Oakwood Live at Home Project

- Visiting an elderly person on a one to one basis to assist with shopping, escorting and so on and/or helping in the office, fundraising and/or being a member of our support committee.
- The areas covered are Spondon, Chaddesden, Oakwood and Derwent.

Delivery Driver – WRVS Derby

- WRVS Derby operates a hot meals delivery service on behalf of Derby City Council, 365 days a year. We deliver hot meals to vulnerable people in the Derby City area.
- We are recruiting volunteer drivers to take meals to our service users between the hours of 11.00 am and 2.00 pm.
- You'll be working in pairs – one driver and one delivery assistant delivering meals together.

Driving – continued

Volunteer Ambulance Driver – Derby Civil Aid

- We need Volunteer Ambulance Drivers to cover our service duties.
- We run seven ambulances and attend events all over Derby from steam rallies to sports days and need a bank of drivers to cover these services.

Education and Literacy

Learning Partner – Derby Adult Learning Service

- Calling all volunteers! Would you like to support a learner to take part in an adult learning course?
- Learning Partners pair up with learners with additional needs (learning disability, mental ill health or physical disability) to attend a leisure class.
- Volunteers will be linked with adults with additional needs and they then choose a suitable course to take part in together. Holiday Spanish, Italian cooking, digital photography and IT are just a few examples of the type of courses available.
- Times will be mutually agreed between the volunteer and the learners but you will need to commit at least two hours a week for approximately 10 weeks.
- Partners choose their course and both attend for free for the first two years – volunteers for the entire time they volunteer for.
- Commitment of an initial two hours per week for one term.

Teaching Assistant – NACRO

- NACRO is a charity organisation that works throughout the UK. At our centre in Derby we mainly work on engaging young learners with behavioural or social problems into one of our three Vocational courses. These are Sports, Construction and Music.
- We require active and involving classroom assistants to work alongside our trainers delivering lessons to young people between the ages of 16 and 19 in Construction, Sports, Music Production, Numeracy, Literacy and Personal Social Development.
- Experience in any of these areas as well as good personal literacy and numeracy skills would be desired but is not essential.
- You will be taking a hands-on, active approach in both classroom environments and in practical sessions both inside and outside of our centres.

Elderly

Dog Walkers for Elderly Owners – The Cinnamon Trust

- The Cinnamon Trust is the national charity for the elderly, terminally ill people and their pets. We provide help with day to day care of the pets, transportation to vets, fostering when owners are in hospital or respite care, and long term care of bereaved pets where owners have requested.
- We seek to keep owner and pet together for as long as possible with the help of a national network of volunteers who assist with any aspect of day to day care of pets. We require volunteers who can help out in any of the following areas:
 - Dog Walking – even once a week can make a huge difference;
 - Short Term Fostering – helping to care for a pet in your home while the owner faces a short spell in hospital; and
 - all over aspects of general pet care.
- Volunteers can download an application form from www.cinnamon.org.uk/donations or through Derby Volunteer Centre.

Outreach Clinics and Befriending – CamTAD, Southern Derbyshire

- Volunteers are needed for befriending and working at Outreach Clinics. We also give information and advice regarding environmental aids. We clean and retube NHS hearing aids at Outreach Clinics, usually these are held at health centres and doctors surgeries:
 - Derby – Agard Street and The Dale Medical Centre, Lowerdale Road;
 - Wirksworth – Hannage Brook Medical Centre;
 - Melbourne – Melbourne Medical Centre, Penn Lane;
 - Chellaston – High Trees Surgery, Manor Road; and
 - Mickleover – Mickleover Surgery, Vicarage Road.

Elderly – continued

Trainee First Aider – Derby Civil Aid

- We are looking to recruit more volunteers to undergo training to deliver First Aid at events around Derbyshire.
- You'll receive full training to enable you to learn the skills.

Emergency Services

Community First Aid and Training Volunteer – British Red Cross Derbyshire Branch

- The aim of Community First Aid and Training is to work with a variety of groups to spread the concepts of humanitarianism and First Aid skills as widely as possible.
- Volunteers are required to deliver training in a variety of subjects during the daytime and evening. We are looking for volunteers throughout the county.
- Community First Aid is about making it possible for everyone to learn First Aid and save lives.

Special Constable – Derbyshire Constabulary Headquarters

- Be part of something special and make a difference.
- Volunteer Special Constables in Derbyshire are aligned to a Safer Neighbourhood Team and work with their team to help implement lasting solutions to local issues.
- Safer Neighbourhood Policing is all about having dedicated local teams making areas safer, cleaner and a more pleasant place to live.

Employment

Basic Skills Volunteer – Support Into Work

- Gives one-to-one support to clients with reading, writing and literacy skills.
- Helps clients with numeracy work, from basic arithmetic to using maths in day-to-day living situations.
- Volunteers:
 - are expected to work towards a basic skills teaching qualification with guidance from Support Into Work;
 - work under the direction of the tutor, request help and advice from the tutor when necessary, and do not work unsupervised;
 - should be willing to receive feedback from the tutor who supervises him/her;
 - may assist with the preparation or updating of resources for basic skills;
 - help clients in a group setting;
 - respect the needs of people with disadvantages;
 - show an awareness of equal opportunities;
 - observe Support Into Work's health and safety practices; and
 - complete his/her agreed hours reliably each week (except for notified time off and unforeseen circumstances).

Job Search Volunteer – Support Into Work

- Provides one-to-one support in the resources area to individual clients, including those with low levels of literacy, helping them to read and understand job advertisements, job cards and so on.
- This role also involves supporting people whose first language is not English.
- Volunteers:
 - help client search for vacancies on the internet as learner's first language may not be English;
 - help clients to search in newspapers and other resources for jobs of particular interest to them;
 - may be pro-active in suggesting new ideas for clients' job search;
 - assist clients in writing speculative letters, completing application forms, phoning for information and so on, under supervision of the tutor;
 - work under the direction of the tutor, request help and advice from the tutor when necessary, and do not work unsupervised;
 - should be willing to receive feedback from the tutor who supervises him/her;
 - respect the needs of people with disadvantages;
 - show an awareness of equal opportunities;
 - observe Support Into Work's health and safety practices; and
 - complete his/her agreed hours reliably each week (except for notified time off and unforeseen circumstances).

Employment – continued

Progression Mentoring – Prince's Trust

- For The Prince's Trust, mentoring is "the provision of personal support, assistance, guidance, encouragement and inspiration to young people during and following our programmes, particularly at a time of transition and typically over a sustained period of time."
- The majority of young people we support are overcoming difficulties such as a record of offending, a life spent in care, long-term unemployment, having no qualifications, poor basic skills or little confidence. The role of a mentor working with these young people can therefore be highly rewarding as well as a varied challenge.
- Young people can face many challenges whilst deciding next steps, both personal and related to their job search – for example, issues relating to employment history, vocational skills, housing, childcare or benefits. Mentors must be prepared to support young people to address the full variety of these potential issues.
- The role is about guidance. It involves helping young people to find and translate information, understand problems, identify solutions and implement action plans. It is not about the mentor providing solutions, but guiding young people to find their own.

Finance Work

Admin and Finance Support – Steps for the Future

- To provide support with day to day financial functions including maintaining daily transactions, petty cash, invoicing and following up payments, simple book keeping, writing cheques, banking and any other relevant duties.
- The admin side of the role will be answering the telephone, taking and acting on messages, giving out relevant and accurate information, word processing and usual office duties.

Financial Data Inputter – Derby West Indian Association Credit Union

- We are looking to recruit volunteers to input financial data from paying in slips and files to our database.
- This is a role that volunteers interested in accountancy and finance might find interesting.

School Governor (Help Schools, Help Children) – Derby City Council (Governor Support)

- If you want to take an active role in making sure children and young people in Derby get the best start in life, why not become a school Governor?
- The time needed to add value as a school governor can be as little as six to eight hours per school month.
- You will be expected to prepare and attend meetings as well as support the school.

Treasurer – Derby Women's Centre

- As the Treasurer you will be extracting information from the accounts team, helping to forecast and project our spending and you will be presenting information back to our board members.
- The Board meets bi-monthly on a Monday evening. Board meetings last on average for approximately two hours. You will also lead on the Finance Sub-Committee which meets quarterly.
- You'll be well supported by the management and your out of pocket travel expenses will be reimbursed.
- You must be female as this is a women only organisation.

Fundraising

Club Rotaract Member – Derby Rotoract Club

- Packing bags at a supermarket, dressing up and collecting in pubs, organising discos, fundraising for many different charities too.
- No prior experience or training required.
- We have a buddying system for new members.
- The maximum age of a member is 30.

Fundraising – continued

Fundraiser – Steps for the Future

- To increase funds by researching and targeting charitable trusts whose criteria match Steps' aims and activities.
- Managing and updating databases to record donator information.
- Writing applications and mail shots using direct mailing to reach a wide range of potential and current donors.
- Recruiting, organising and managing volunteers to fulfil various functions within the charity.
- To apply to various funders by application forms, working alongside a manager. Making grant applications.
- You will attend training courses that will increase fundraiser's knowledge and also occasionally travel to businesses to promote Steps.

Street and Store Collector – RNIB (Royal National Institute for the Blind)

- Make a difference in your local community by joining our successful team of dedicated fundraising volunteers. Be part of our team of volunteers collecting regularly at local supermarkets and shopping centres throughout the year.
- Did you know that £100,000 was raised from loose change last year from street and store collections? This year we are on target to reach £150,000, imagine how much more we could raise with your help. Every £410 we raise can pay for someone newly diagnosed as blind or partially sighted to attend a confidence-boosting 'Finding your Feet' weekend.
- Working with our fundraising volunteers you will collect money from local shoppers.
- Record and bank income collected.

Gay, Lesbian, Bi and Transsexual

Administration/Centre Support Volunteer – Derbyshire Friend

- Administration/Centre Support Volunteers provide administration office support to the team at Derbyshire Friend including:
 - carrying out administrative and office duties such as filing, data entry and sorting mail;
 - ensuring the office is kept tidy for meetings;
 - ensuring resources are filed correctly and stocks are up to date; and
 - answering telephones and meeting people accessing the building.
- Ability to work within the policies and procedures of the charity.

Volunteer Trainers – Derbyshire Friend

- Volunteer trainers will be part of the training team and deliver training and development to volunteers and external professionals, including:
 - delivering training as part of the volunteer training programme;
 - assisting in the delivery of awareness training to external organisations and professionals;
 - assisting in the provision of consultation to external organisations and professionals; and
 - attending Training Team meetings and assisting in the development of training materials.

Health, Hospitals and Hospices

Care Volunteer – Leukaemia Care

- Care Volunteers provide emotional support to those affected by Leukaemia, Lymphoma and the allied blood disorders, particularly to those who have contacted our 24 hour Care Line.
- You will be a listening ear, someone they can open up to in times of need who will help empower them to get through difficult times. Sometimes that support will be provided by telephone; sometimes it may be on a face to face basis in the caller's home or at the hospital.
- Care Volunteers also work to raise awareness of Leukaemia Care and provide information to patients, carers and medical professionals with regard to the services offered by the charity.

Health, Hospitals and Hospices – continued

Information/Advice Giving – CamTAD, Southern Derbyshire

- Outreach work in health centres and exhibition days, giving information and advice about equipment and services available to people with a hearing loss.
- Other things we do include home visits, awareness talks and training.
- Lip-Reading Classes. These classes can be very beneficial and can teach tactics to cope with hearing loss in difficult situations. The classes are about learning to lip-read but it's important to have fun while learning. So we might have a quiz or crosswords. There could be a bit of science, history or even talk about holidays.
- Everyone who is hearing impaired can benefit from this class, regardless of age.

Local Promotion Volunteers – Cancer Research UK

- Support Race for Life and other events by promoting them in your local area and ultimately help us to meet our vitally important participant and fundraising targets. This may involve any or all of the following:
 - attending your local promotional events at shopping centres and so on;
 - distributing promotional materials in your local community and place of work;
 - promoting the event among friends, family and colleagues;
 - being an expert in your local area and informing your Area Event Manager of promotional opportunities – for example, local publications, events, community venues, places to put up banners and so on; and
 - volunteering at the events themselves as a marshal, steward, handing out water bottles, medals and goody bags and so on.
- Any amount of time you can provide in the months leading up to the event would be valuable to us, whether it's once a week or one occasion before the Race for Life takes place. Please note that some promotional activities take place during the week within working hours.

Volunteer Dream Maker – The Caudwell Charity

- As a Dream Maker volunteer you will be the vital link between the family and Caudwell Children. The role will provide support for families by helping them to plan and prepare for the trip.
- To work with families in your local area.
- To identify eligible for a holiday of a lifetime.
- Support families through the application process.
- Work with families to prepare for the life changing trip.
- To work in local areas across the UK for 60 hours over six months.

Heritage

Canal Camp Working Holiday – Waterway Recovery Group (WRG)

- The Waterway Recovery Group (WRG) offers working holidays where you will work as part of a team to restore derelict canals all over Britain. It gives people the chance to do their bit for the environment, an opportunity to meet people from all walks of life and it counts towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award.
- Typical activities on a Canal Camp could be:
 - restoring a lock chamber;
 - building a slipway;
 - vegetation clearance; or
 - providing site services for the Inland Waterways Association's National Waterways Festival.
- Each Canal Camp has different opportunities to train in skills such as bricklaying, surveying and operating machinery such as dumper trucks and small excavators.
- Each Canal Camp usually runs for seven days, each volunteer is asked to contribute £49 for the week (or £7 per day) towards the cost of their accommodation and the three meals a day that are provided.
- For more information see www.wrg.org.uk

Heritage – continued

DC Volunteer – Derbyshire Conservation Volunteers

- ❑ The work undertaken is extremely varied and includes hedge laying, dry stone walling, woodland management, pond digging, fencing, tree planting and footpath maintenance. Most of the conservation is done at the weekend, usually on a Sunday on alternate weeks. As a Conservation Volunteer you will be helping maintain areas to conserve and enhance the wildlife potential of rural and urban areas.
- ❑ Tasks that are involved include:
 - ❑ Slash and Burn (Woodland Management) – great for getting rid of any pent-up frustration, woodland management often involves slashing your way through everything in sight, sometimes just slashing at particular types of tree and shrub, such as rhododendron, ash or elder, to clear the way for wildlife and/or other species to flourish;
 - ❑ Tree Planting – DCV's 21st anniversary task involved planting 21 beech trees in an avenue in Shipley Park. Make the hole, put the tree in it, tie it to a support and keep coming back every 50 years to remind yourself how much oxygen you've put into the atmosphere;
 - ❑ Fencing – when trees aren't on hand to be laid into a hedge, fencing is a useful alternative. Fences can be anything from 100% wood to various wood and wire combinations, depending on what's required. Recent fence locations include Tittesworth Reservoir, Riddings Park Farm, the Peak Park and Shipley Park. It's nice when you go on a walk round the countryside and are able to point to a sturdy fence and say "I built that."; and
 - ❑ Footpaths and Steps – another task that requires a combination of brain and body. Most DCV tasks involve destruction of some kind, so it's always a nice change to construct a fine set of steps which will keep walkers happy for years. Clearing a footpath helps promote birds, bees and butterflies and makes the beautiful countryside available to everyone.
- ❑ Is it all work and no play? No way! There is a particularly active social life attached to the group including pubs, bowling, cinemas, parties, BBQs and roller-skating.

Operating Carriage and Wagon Department – Midland Railway Trust Ltd

- ❑ Able to assist in the maintenance and repair of all the passenger and goods rolling stock on the railway.
- ❑ Tasks are varied and very interesting – ranging from engineering to paint stripping.

Human and Civil Rights

Advice Bureau Volunteer (Derby City) – Citizens' Advice and Law Centre

- ❑ The Citizens Advice and Law Centre in Derby operates an information and advice service for members of the public.
- ❑ As a member of this team you would be expected to work approximately six hours per week and this may require working past the closing time of the Centre.
- ❑ The operating times are Monday to Friday, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm and Monday to Thursday, 1.00 to 4.00 pm.
- ❑ Any volunteer working for the Centre must exercise strict confidentiality about both your clients and their enquiry.
- ❑ Volunteers will be required to sit a 12 week training programme (once a week). There are also five regional training days to attend too. The training programme is Open College Network accredited.

Derby Equality and Human Rights Youth Network – Derby Racial Equality Council (REC)

- ❑ If you're interested in equality, diversity and human rights and you're aged 16 to 25 then come and join the Derby Equality and Human Rights Network.
- ❑ We meet up once a month at the REC building on Normanton Road.
- ❑ Come and be part of a network to represent young people on issues affecting young people locally, nationally, at a European level and worldwide.

Human and Civil Rights – continued

Have a Voice in Your Community: Sign up to the first Derby Youth Interfaith Forum – The Multi-Faith Centre

- ❑ The Multi-Faith Centre is creating the first ever Youth Interfaith Forum in the city of Derby, where young people from across religious and cultural experiences can come together in collaborative working, to explore opportunities to work together, giving a voice to young people from a range of faiths in the city.
- ❑ Projects being developed in this opportunity include:
 - ❑ intergenerational work;
 - ❑ sport;
 - ❑ events planning and managing;
 - ❑ leadership training;
 - ❑ religious diversity training; and
 - ❑ the opportunity to work with other similar forums elsewhere in the UK.
- ❑ Connect to the power bases in the City through Derby City Partnership and the City Council in order to be heard.
- ❑ Organise and run local projects collaboratively in your own communities, where you can make a real difference.

International Aid

Lattitude Gap Year Volunteer – Lattitude Global Volunteering

- ❑ On a Lattitude Global Volunteering placement you know you'll be making a huge difference as well as having the time of your life.
- ❑ We are committed to the host organisations and communities we work in and our volunteering placements deliver long term, sustainable and measurable benefits to them.
- ❑ We have an unrivalled selection of volunteer opportunities from the South Pacific, Australia, New Zealand, India, South East Asia, Africa and South America to Canada.
- ❑ We recruit through our offices in the UK, Australia, New Zealand and Canada and welcome applications from young people from any country.
- ❑ We have relationships with embassies and High Commissions in all the countries where we operate placements and work with applicants on an individual basis to identify the most suitable country and placement for them.
- ❑ If you think a gap year is for you then get in touch! It's a decision you will never regret.

Oxfam Youth and Schools Speaker – Oxfam Midlands

- ❑ What's an Oxfam Speaker?
 - ❑ Oxfam Speakers represent Oxfam in delivering talks and workshops in schools and youth groups in the speaker's local area to raise awareness of the causes of global poverty, and the actions people can take to shape a better world.
- ❑ What skills do Speakers have?
 - ❑ Speakers have good communication and people skills that motivate and inspire audiences and an experience of working with young people.
- ❑ How are Speakers supported?
 - ❑ Speakers are supported by Oxfam through a two day training course, a full CRB check, a schools resources handbook, ongoing support from Oxfam staff and travel expenses within your local area.
- ❑ This is a great volunteering opportunity in which you have the support of a big organisation whilst having the autonomy to really make your mark and influence young people in your local area to make positive change.

Legal Aid and Justice

Appropriate Adult – SOVA Mentoring/Appropriate Adult Scheme

- When someone is arrested by the police and taken to a police station, they have three basic rights:
 1. The right to free and independent legal advice.
 2. The right to have someone informed of their arrest.
 3. The right to consult the Codes of Practice (concerning police powers and procedures).
- They will also be given a written notice informing them of their Rights and Entitlements whilst in custody.
- The custody officer (usually a police sergeant) who is responsible for all detained people must make sure that interviews and other procedures are conducted as soon as possible and in the proper manner. They also have a responsibility to identify vulnerable people. Those considered vulnerable are anyone who appears (to the custody officer) to be under the age of 17, people with mental health difficulties, people with a learning disability and those who have trouble communicating and understanding things.
- Having identified a young person or a vulnerable adult the custody officer has a duty to request the attendance of a responsible adult, who is known as an Appropriate Adult.
- The role of the Appropriate Adult is to support and advise a young person or vulnerable adult in police custody and to facilitate communication between them and the police. This person is different to a solicitor and does not give legal advice. An Appropriate Adult can be a family member, friend or a volunteer or social/health care professional.
- The role was created in the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) 1984, with the intention of further safeguarding the rights and welfare of young people and vulnerable adults in custody. The rights and responsibilities of an Appropriate Adult are detailed in the PACE Codes of Practice which are updated regularly.
- OCN accredited training is delivered to all volunteers.

Appropriate Adult Volunteers – Derbyshire Advocacy Service

- Help us ensure that when anyone with mental health or learning disabilities is arrested they are treated fairly. As a volunteer you would ensure their rights and entitlements are given, that all procedures are followed and that the interview is done fairly.
- This is a very satisfying opportunity because not only are you helping people when they really need it but you're meeting the challenge of the work. To enable you to think on your feet and provide the service we give you full training and support. Every situation you'll come in to is different so there is always variety and interest.
- You can get good experience for careers in care work as well as the fields of mental health, learning disabilities and drugs and alcohol abuse.
- Whether you're 18 or 80 you can join in. We welcome all kinds of people, all ages – and we especially want to encourage older people to join us.
- We provide a service every day of the year between 8.00 am and 12.00 midnight. We split the day into a day and an evening session – you need to be available to do four sessions a month.

Retail and Charity Shops

Charity Shop Helper – Mind Charity Shop

- To provide quality customer service to all who enter the Mind charity shop and to help the Retail Department raise funds to support the work of Mind.
- Displaying stock including window displays.
- Deciding where to place stock to make the best use of space and to attract customer attention.
- Assisting customers with purchases and information about the charity.
- Bagging unwanted stock/unsold stock for recycling and disposing of shop waste.
- To help maintain a safe working environment and comply with the requirements of any risk assessment for the shop.
- Any other shop related task which the shop manager may reasonably ask you to do.

Retail and Charity Shops – continued

Shop Volunteer – AgeUK Shop (Alvaston)

- Helping to raise funds by selling donated clothing and household goods.
- Working in:
 - the shop and serving customers and displaying goods; and/or
 - the backroom and sorting out and steaming donated clothing.
- Any or all of these tasks are available.

Shop Volunteer – British Red Cross Derbyshire Branch

- Help needed to assist and support team of volunteers to make shop run successfully.
- Sorting bags of clothes, putting stock out on display, helping customers, working on the till.

Volunteer eBay Project – Padley Shop

- To provide quality customer service to all who have contact with the Padley shop through eBay, including representing and giving information about the charity and to help the Retail Department raise funds to support the work of Padley.
- You may be asked to do some of the following:
 - setting up an eBay shop within the eBay site;
 - photograph items for auction;
 - researching products and marketing trends (through the library and internet);
 - place items on eBay;
 - monitor and record eBay activity;
 - give information on products by replying to emails;
 - update and report to the manager on a regular basis;
 - help maintain a safe and working environment and comply with the requirements of any risk assessment for the shop; and
 - any other eBay related task, which the shop manager may reasonably ask you to do.
- You may decline to do any task you feel you are not skilled to do.
- The benefits are:
 - you will be working on an exciting and empowering project;
 - a chance to show creativity;
 - experience working as part of a team and individually;
 - gain personal satisfaction; and
 - a warm and friendly environment.

Sports and Outdoor Activities

Cricket Coaching Assistants – Rolls-Royce Cricket Club

- Rolls Royce CC runs cricket coaching sessions all year in and around City of Derby at local community centres, sports centres, parks and schools.
- Currently we are running sessions at Arboretum Park on Tuesday evenings from 6.00 to 7.30 pm and on Saturdays at Shaftsbury Sport Centre from 2.00 to 4.00 pm which will run through the winter at least until Christmas and then we will be running indoor sessions at Sinfin School on Sundays after Christmas from 12.00 to 4.00 pm.
- RRCC also runs five junior cricket teams for ages eight to 15 years old and each team has a qualified coach/manager who manages their coaching and matches.
- A volunteer will have the opportunity to learn, gain experience in any aspect of coaching, managing young cricketers or just the experience of working with young people.
- RRCC can also offer volunteers the opportunity to go through coaching courses or young leaders courses.

Mentor (Sports Focus) – Sporting Futures

- Would you like to get involved with our mentoring programme? We currently receive referrals from social services and other agencies to engage young people in positive activities within their community.
- Once trained, volunteers are matched up with a young person in an attempt to build up their confidence, skills and potential.
- Although our main focus is sports, the Teammates Mentoring Programme is not exclusively sports focused.
- We are looking for male and female Mentors, but have a particular need for males.

Sports and Outdoor Activities – continued

Netball Coaching – Derbyshire Netball

- We are looking for volunteers interested in becoming coaches and engaging young people in netball.
- This could be by coaching or managing teams with established junior clubs or creating new junior clubs.

Women’s Groups

Employment Assistant – Derby Women’s Centre

- To assist the Employment Support Worker with employment workshops and file management.
- To help clients build CVs, develop interview techniques and telephone skills.
- To assist clients in their search of work.
- To help research training opportunities.

Voluntary Counsellor – Derbyshire Rape Crisis

- We are looking for counsellors who are able to offer at least two hours per week, and who are qualified or qualifying to PG Diploma level.
- We are looking for qualified counsellors who can help survivors of recent or historical rape or sexual abuse, and their families and friends.
- We provide free in house training on an ongoing basis, and a compulsory initial training component.

As you can see, there is a wide range of opportunities on offer. We like to feel that there is always something for everyone – so don’t delay, contact the Volunteer Advice Line on 01332 342272, call in to see us, or take a look at www.do-it.org.uk