

Good Practice in Volunteering

“Barriers to Volunteering”

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As an organisation you might be scrambling around for new volunteers, however have you thought that with a few minor changes to your work practice there could be an untapped pool of volunteers waiting for you.

At the Vale Volunteer Bureau we have recently undergone training on ways in which we can more effectively place disabled people with our recruiting organisations. Here are some suggestions as to how you could involve disabled volunteers very easily.

- Set up a mentoring/ buddying scheme
- Perhaps your organisation could offer a trial period
- Improve physical access into the building by putting aside time to de clutter, remove unwanted furniture, move chairs and display stands

- Re-arrange times whereby a support worker can accompany the volunteer during their volunteering when there are fewer people in the building
- Offer disability awareness training to staff and volunteers
- Regularly review your application process

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Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service

Since Her Majesty’s Golden Jubilee , the Queen has awarded this prestigious national honour to hundreds of volunteering groups across the UK. The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service is equivalent to the MBE and recognises the

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outstanding contribution that volunteers make to their communities.

Involving Younger Volunteers

Do you know of a volunteer group that devotes its time to helping others in the community and deserves recognition?

Why not nominate them for an Award?

In common with the UK National Honours, there are no deadlines for the receipt of nomination forms.

Award nominations will be considered at any point within 3 years of nomination.

You can nominate a group (two or more people) if:

- It is based in the UK
- It has been volunteering for the benefit of people in the UK or overseas for at least three years
- More than half its members are volunteers who have the right of residence in the UK.

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Does your organisation have scope to develop a new or existing volunteering opportunity to involve younger volunteers?

More and more young people in the Vale of Glamorgan are getting interested in volunteering and looking to give their time, energy and skills to local projects.

The Vale Volunteer Bureau currently has a huge range of volunteering opportunities registered, but we are always on the look out for new opportunities that we can help you find volunteers for.

If you have an idea for a volunteering project or opportunity for volunteers aged 16+ (or younger), which we can help you develop, or an existing opportunity that we don't have registered, we would be delighted to assist you in doing so.

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