

Leadership & Volunteering

A STEP INTO SPORT UPDATE FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, STUDENTS AND MENTORS

Are you fully involved?

Many schools and colleges now have established leadership and volunteering pathways providing opportunities for young people to give something back to their communities, whilst at the same time developing skills that will not only enhance their CV, but will also provide lifelong skills that will enable them to be a step above those who have not been involved.

Schools

Young people from 14 -18 can extend their leadership skills they may already have, through a range of workshops, and national governing body sports awards, as part of their leadership pathway within and outside of school. They can offer to volunteer at school events at their own school, local primary schools, or in the community at clubs they belong to, or just want to get involved with. This could be a youth club or a uniformed group, scouts, guides, brownies, cubs, cadets etc.

FE Colleges

Students from 16-19 taking their skills forward can again opt to volunteer at events and clubs at schools or in the community

School / FE Mentors

These are school / college staff and school sport coordinators / FE Sport Coordinators who might help young people find opportunities to volunteer, and verify the hours that the student volunteers have logged.

Identifying Volunteering Hours.

Most schools and colleges are managing to identify volunteer hours within their schools, primary schools and at school events.

It is slightly harder to find community hours it would seem. However there does seem to be hours being missed because we are unaware of students who are already volunteering in their community in sport and physical activity settings.

Please question your students with regard to this and see if what they are already involved in can be counted as volunteer hours. If there is a problem regarding who verifies these hours let the CSP know and they can arrange to help.

In addition the CSP will try to alert school and college mentors to opportunities that are out there through emails and flyers. This update has details of new opportunities and suggestions for investigating, below.

The Step into Sport Online Passport

This is the tool through which students can log their volunteer hours completed. The school mentors or the volunteer mentors at clubs and youth groups, also log onto the passport to verify the hours logged by the students.

It is essential that students and mentors are set up on the passport and that they update it regularly. It is a great shame for students to be putting the hours in, and this not being acknowledged.

In the past this online system has caused some frustration, but do ask for help from the people listed above if you need it, so that students are insured during their placements, and can have their hard work rewarded.

The County Sports Partnership (CSP)

Active Gloucestershire

The CSP is responsible for coordinating the Step into Sport Programme, and reporting progress to Sport England.

They can work with clubs to help them to become 'fit for purpose' to take volunteers, working toward the Gloucestershire standard or the national Clubmark accreditation

The CSP also helps to identify volunteering opportunities in the community for students .

The contacts for the CSP are:

- Kerry Dexter – kdexter@glos.ac.uk
- Angela James – angeladj@blueyonder.co.uk

Partnership Development Manager lead for Schools and Colleges:

Alan Beard (Alan.Beard@sscogloucesterssp.org.uk)

Leadership Coordinators in the School Sports Partnerships

Gloucester & South Tewkesbury: Alan Beard

Cotswold: Richard Simpson and Scott Chappell

Forest of Dean: Pete Tomley, Dan Robinson, Duncan Mullis

Cheltenham & North Tewkesbury: Caroline Mackenzie

Stroud: Harry Joyce

These coordinators can offer support to schools and colleges.

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Community volunteering hours – new opportunities



Race for Life Volunteer 2010

Natasha Russell from Cancer Research UK is looking for volunteers for the Race for Life events in Gloucester and Cheltenham. Volunteers need to be over **18** for marshalling and under 16's would need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

There are eight different types of volunteer required covering the span of leadership and volunteering roles:

Meet and Greet	Admin	Set Up
Local Promotions	Welfare	Clear Down
Marshal	Start and Finish	

Each role has its own details but generally the following applies:

What skills and attributes do I need to have?

- Friendly, outgoing and fun loving
- Great interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to think on your feet
- Experience of working in a customer-facing role would be an advantage

How much time do I need to commit?

On average we need volunteers for four hours per event but we often have two events in one day. Please let the Area Event Manager know your availability when they contact you.

What support will I be given?

A member of the team will contact you before the event and you will receive a full briefing on the day. All volunteer teams have a designated manager, who can provide guidance and answer any questions on the day.

What benefits can I expect?

- Satisfaction of knowing that you are making a valuable contribution to Cancer Research UK
- Enjoyment of meeting new people within your community and being a part of our local team
- Knowledge that you will have made a positive impact and improved the experience of Race for Life participants and spectators
- The opportunity to develop communication and event organisation skills
- Experience of working with one of the UK's leading charities on its premier national event series
- You will receive a volunteer t-shirt and light refreshments

How to sign up

To sign up, simply fill in our online registration form at www.cancerresearchuk.org/racevolunteer and note the date of your chosen event in your diary. Alternatively, call our volunteering hotline on **0871 641 2272**.

Coming Soon.....

Tewkesbury Healthy Towns projects. Look out in the coming months for information around volunteering in the Tewkesbury area as part of the Healthy Towns, 'Count me In' programme. Details will follow.....