

VOLUNTEERING IN SALFORD

E-BULLETIN



Welcome to the April edition of the Volunteering e-bulletin. This ebulletin will be sent out once a month to volunteer involving organisations that are registered with Salford Volunteer Centre. We will feature regular items about volunteering in the city of Salford that we hope will be of interest to you and your volunteers. We are also really keen to include news items or stories about your volunteers. So if you have anything that you would like us to feature email us your copy to:

volunteer@salfordcvs.co.uk with the title e-bulletin. **Please note that we would require any written material by the 20th of each month for it to be featured in that month's e-bulletin.**

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Latest Salford News

Dementia Awareness Week

Dementia Awareness Week 2014 is the 18 - 24 May 2014 and Salford Volunteer Centre will be holding a special Volunteer Drop-in at Little Hulton Sure Start Centre on May 20th 9.30-1pm. People who are affected by dementia or family members supporting someone with dementia can come along to the drop-in to find out about support available in finding an appropriate volunteer opportunity in Salford.

Coming Next Month: Volunteer Salford Volunteer Expenses Fund!

Organisations in Salford with an annual income under £10,000 will be able to apply for financial support to help fund volunteer expenses. This innovative programme will help to make volunteering accessible for everyone in Salford regardless of their financial circumstances. We hope to be open for applications in May 2014.

For more details contact the Volunteer Centre.

Launch of Salford Event Volunteers

The Volunteer Centre are excited to launch our new service Salford Events Volunteers. The Volunteer Centre is inundated with requests from organisations that are organising events and are desperate for volunteers to help out on the day. We try to accommodate these requests however, due to time constraints, sometimes this just isn't possible.

Therefore we have decided to launch our very own Salford Events Volunteers project.

This project will work in three ways:

- The Volunteer Centre will hold a register of all volunteers who sign up to be Salford Event Volunteers
- Salford organisation's who are hosting events can register those events with the Volunteer Centre.
- The Volunteer Centre will then contact all the volunteers on the Salford Event Volunteer Register.

Any volunteers who are interested in attending an event can then contact the organisation directly for more information and to express an interest. We will also include your event on the 'Events' section of our website and 'Facebook' and 'Tweet' them when possible, thus giving your event some free promotional publicity and advertising helping you get your message to a much wider audience. For more information on this exciting project, please call the Volunteer Centre on 0161 787 7795 or email

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Community Work Activity Campaign

Community Work Placements is a mandatory element of the Back to Work scheme designed for those JSA claimants returning from the Work Programme whose key barrier to work is a lack of work experience, motivation or both, and offers them a significant period of full-time activity. The scheme involves claimants undertaking a full-time work placement for 30 hours a week for up to 26 weeks alongside provider-led supported job search.

The key criteria of all placements are that they must be of benefit to the community and must not displace paid jobs.

Salford CVS does not view Community Work Placements as volunteering - because individuals are not freely choosing to participate in them, but rather will be faced with benefits sanctions if they do not engage in the compulsory placements.

This contravenes the widely accepted principles of volunteering:

- Volunteering is mutually beneficial
- Volunteering is independently chosen and freely given
- Volunteering is enabling and flexible wherever possible
- Volunteering is of community or social benefit
- Volunteering is offered to not for profit activities.



Greater Manchester CVS' and Volunteer Centres have written and signed up to a position statement which outlines why the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sectors should choose not to engage in this scheme as providers of "placements" in order to protect the principles of volunteering.

If you are a Voluntary, Community or Social Enterprise organisation in Salford and would like to support this campaign by signing up to the statement or if you would like to discuss this in more detail please contact Sue Morris at Salford Volunteer Centre sue.morris@salfordcvs.co.uk 0161 787 7795. To view the statement [click here](#).

You can also sign up to the keep volunteering voluntary agreement by clicking [here](#).

Developing Volunteering in Community and Faith Based Centres

Are you responsible for a community or faith centre?

Are you in a position to take a lead on the development of volunteering in your centre?

Do you have a range of services and groups operating within your building?

This event is aimed at people who run or support community or faith based centres (community hubs), who are aspiring to improve volunteering throughout their centre. This event will help you explore the challenges to volunteer engagement, recognise the distinction between a service user and a volunteer and help you explore your moral and legal responsibilities to volunteers. You'll hear from the community hubs and Volunteer Centres involved in this project and active discussions and workshops will provide opportunities to network, share challenges, ideas and best practice and reflect on your setting. The event will provide information, advice and details on the support services available to you and help you explore actions to take back to your organisation.

Organised by GMCVO and Volunteering Greater Manchester.

Venue: St Thomas Centre, Ardwick Green North, Manchester, M12 6FZ

Date: Wednesday 18 June 2014 **Time:** 10.00am – 15:30 including lunch

To register on line go to the [GMCVO website](#).

For further information contact: Alison Crush Tel: 0161 277 1022



VOLUNTEERS' WEEK
time to say thank you

30th anniversary, time to celebrate!

Volunteers' Week 1-7 June is a nationwide week to celebrate the work of millions of volunteers who give up their time to help others.

Over 1000 organisations have registered for their online resource pack so far. To receive yours with all the ideas, tips, templates resources and logos you need to make your events a success [register here](#). We would love to hear about your plans. Post your event on our [Volunteers' Week events map](#) and see what is happening in your area.

To keep up to date with what people are planning and to share your ideas and plans follow the official Volunteers' Week account [@NCVOvolunteers](#) using [#volunteersweek](#). [Contact the Volunteers' Week team](#) with any questions or for more information.

Looking for the latest UK data on volunteering?

Visit the new interactive site for the [NCVO almanac](#) to explore data on:

- How many people regularly volunteer in the UK?
- How has the number of people volunteering changed over time?
- What are the barriers to volunteering?
- Who volunteers in the UK?
- How many young people volunteer?

The Almanac is the definitive guide to the scope and changing nature of civil society. The Almanac is free to NCVO members. Full NCVO members can order a free copy of the Almanac.

Additional copies can be bought at the discounted rate of £40. All NCVO members can also download a PDF version from the Almanac website.

Team v is Recruiting

Team v, vInspired's social leadership development programme, is on the lookout for the next generation of social leaders. Applications to become a Team v Leader will open on Friday 2nd May, however, young people who want to express their interest can do so now by visiting <https://beta.vinspired.com/team-v-leaders-recruitment>. Applications are only open for a short amount of time and spaces are limited.

Team v is a national network of 130 young leaders committed to making a difference to the people and places they care about. Team v tackles a range of current social issues and gives Leaders access to leading social action experts and organisations. Our Leaders leave the programme with enhanced leadership skills, increased confidence, stronger networks and the skills to effect positive social change.

We can also provide additional information, including postcards, posters and copy for e-bulletins. If you'd like more information or have any questions please email teamv@vinspired.com, call 020 7960 7039 or tweet us [@vinspired teamv](#). vinspired.com/team-v

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Volunteers Week

This year is the 30th anniversary of Volunteers' Week and it's time to celebrate!

Volunteers' Week is an annual celebration of the fantastic contribution millions of volunteers make across the UK – and it's taking place from the 1-7 June 2014.

As part of our volunteers week celebrations we are running a 'Volunteer Selfie Campaign' we will feature selfies' of individuals taken whilst they are volunteering on our website.

If you would like to take part in this, please send us Jpegs of your volunteers' selfies between now and May 31st 2014 :

volunteer@salfordcvs.co.uk

Please ensure you obtain the volunteers permission for their image to be featured on our website.

Let us know how you are celebrating Volunteers Week and we will promote your activities on our website. If you are looking for inspiration go to the

[Volunteers Week website.](#)

Emmaus needs your Support

Emmaus is a homelessness charity with a difference, providing more than just a bed for the night for people who have experienced homelessness and social exclusion. Come along to volunteer, donate or just shop at the new shop opened on Saturday 5th April - at Emmaus House 101 Fitzwarren Street Langworthy Salford M6 5RQ.

[See online flyer](#) for more details.

Salford Cancer Walking Group

The Salford Lets Walk & Talk Cancer Walking Group meets monthly on Wednesdays (next meet 21st May) to explore the parks and green spaces of Salford. If you or someone close to you is living with cancer and you would like to walk for health, please feel free to pop along and join them. All meets are at 1:00pm so **put your best foot forward.**

For more information please contact the Macmillan Information Centre on 0161 206 1455 or [click here.](#)

Spirit of Salford Weekender

Saturday 31st May — Sunday 1st June

The highlight of the Spirit of Salford Festival is the Weekender event. This special celebration at Salford Civic Centre will feature everything that makes our City great, with something for everyone to enjoy over the two days. For more information about 'what's on' [click here](#)

It's going to be a weekend not to miss for all Salfordians

University of Salford, Manchester - Social Work Consultation Event

Do you have experience of using social care services? Are you interested in shaping the future of social work?

If so we would like to invite you to join us on:

Wednesday 7th May, 12.00 to 4pm at the Friends Meeting House 6 Mount Street M2 5NS

The aim is to get more people who have experience of using social care services involved in the training and education of future social workers.

For more information and to book a place [click here.](#)



Volunteer Co-ordinators' Forum

Friday 23rd May 10am-12:30pm at Salford CVS training room

This is a chance for Volunteer Co-ordinators/Managers to get together and share learning, good practice and network. The Forum will take place during Dementia Awareness Week (18th – 24th May). As Salford is a Dementia Friendly City we will be having a workshop hosted by a Dementia Friends Champion on how your organisation can help raise awareness of Dementia and be Dementia Friendly.

The following week is Volunteers Week, 1st – 7th June. We will be telling you about all the fantastic stuff we have lined up including our Volunteers Week 'flash-mob' dance!!!! This is also a chance for Co-ordinators' to tell us about any exciting activities they have planned so that we can help promote them and celebrate volunteering.

We will be taking groups through the Events Volunteer Project explaining how they can register their events, get some free advertising and gain access our database of potential 'events' volunteers.

If you would like to book your place, please email: elizabeth.oconnor@salfordcvs.co.uk or telephone 0161 787 7795.

Monthly Themed Opportunities Calendar

Each month Salford Volunteer Centre feature volunteering opportunities based on a different theme, this can be found at <http://www.salfordcvs.co.uk/volunteer-centre-themed-opportunity-calendar-2014-2015>

As Dementia Awareness Week is from 18th – 24th May, we have decided that promoting opportunities that support elderly people and the issues affecting them will be this months' theme.

If your organisation has any opportunities that fall within any of the 'themes' listed then please contact us and we will help promote them for you.

Free Volunteer Development Support Available

If you are an organisation who would like help in developing new volunteer opportunities or if you need help in writing volunteer procedures or policies, please contact the volunteer centre. We can visit your organisation at a time that is convenient to you to support you in any way to review or develop any are of your volunteer programme.



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Pathway to Achieving More

After the success of our first Pathway to Achieving course we are running another on **Monday 19th May**. It is a friendly, informal one day course for anyone thinking about getting involved in activities that will help them move forward in their life including: volunteering, training or work experience.

This course will help you to:-

- Build your confidence and self esteem
- Identify your strengths and skills
- Overcome fears and barriers

For further information or to book a place please [click here](#).

Social Media

Facebook & Twitter



Are you following us on Facebook and Twitter? We regularly feature news and information about local and national volunteering issues.

Follow us on twitter @VCSalford1

Like us on Facebook  Volunteer Centre Salford - Official

We also promote volunteering opportunities and events for volunteer involving organisations. If you would like us to promote information for your organisation please contact us at volunteer@salfordcvs.co.uk