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Welcome to the latest edition of the Volunteering Newsletter.

We will feature items about volunteering in Salford that we hope will be of interest to you and your volunteers. We would also like to include news items or stories about your volunteers. If you have anything you would like us to feature please email your copy to volunteer@salfordcvs.co.uk

Volunteers' Week 2019

The Volunteers' Week Activity grant which is now in its second year, funded over 20 organisations and enabled them to host celebrations to recognise their volunteers or to put on events to recruit additional volunteers. Here are a few pictures to give you a flavour of what happened across the week.



On Friday 7th June we held an event at Walkden Town Centre in partnership with the Health Improvement and Neighbourhood Team. The Ceremonial Mayor of Salford attended and presented certificates to volunteers who support groups in Walkden and the surrounding areas. There was food and fabulous entertainment and the event was open to the public who could find out more about volunteering with the local organisations.

Walkden Celebrates Volunteering!



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Friends of Lightoaks Park held a community picnic for local residents and volunteers. This family friendly event was also a celebration of diversity as residents were encouraged to bring along a dish to represent the country or region they are from. Here are the volunteer team sporting their new t-shirts!



In partnership with local housing providers, including Salix Homes and Pendleton Together the Volunteer Centre ran a volunteer recruitment event on Wednesday 5th June at Brotherton House. A range of local organisations attended and it was a busy afternoon with lots of interest from potential volunteers.



Wheels for All Salford had an open day for people to get a taster of what the volunteers do. There was an opportunity to try out their unique adapted bikes and goodie bags were given to all.

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Age UK Salford's Critchley Community Hub treated their volunteers to afternoon tea.



At Little Hulton Big Local's celebration event we were joined by singer/songwriter Claire Mooney. Claire wrote the song at the event, inspired by local volunteers and contributed to by some of those who were there. She then performed the song live with percussion and backing from volunteers!

[Watch the video of the performance here.](#)



Although Volunteers' Week is over, recognition of your volunteers doesn't have to be. The 100, 500 and 1,000 hour certificate recognition scheme can be used at any time of the year and it's a great way to say thank you to your volunteers. It's easy to register, just follow the link below. New for this year we also have a thank you certificate, so that no matter the hours contributed, the difference made by volunteers can still be appreciated. All certificates are signed by the Ceremonial Mayor of Salford.

[Download a certificate request form from our website.](#)

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Heart of Salford 2019

We are delighted to announce that our annual Heart of Salford Awards are now open for nominations!

The awards will take place in November 2019 and nominating a volunteer or team of volunteers is a great way for organisations to show their appreciation for the difference their volunteers make.

There are categories for organisations too, providing a great opportunity to showcase and celebrate the work that your organisation does.

For further details and to nominate go to our website.



Volunteering Survey

Groundwork in Greater Manchester and the Environment Agency would like to invite environmental volunteers to take part in a survey. This survey is for anyone involved in a local community or voluntary group including local charities and community interest companies (CICs). The purpose of this survey is to research the activities and support needs of 'environmental' community

and voluntary groups with an interest in Greater Manchester's greenspaces and public places. We are particularly keen to hear from groups who are active near to the River Irk (running through Manchester, Oldham and Rochdale). The information gathered will help to establish how different volunteers communicate and work with each other.

Take part in the survey here.



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Exploring the links between volunteering and family

Over the coming months, NCVO will be undertaking a research project exploring the links between family and volunteering. The research is being funded by Sport England, Pears Foundation, Greater London Authority and the Scouts Association.

The project, carried out in partnership with the University of Birmingham and the University of Salford, aims to:

- Improve understanding of how families engage with volunteering and how organisations engage with families through volunteering
- Use the evidence to support volunteer-involving organisations that want to develop or enhance volunteering opportunities for family members

To find out more about this project you can read NCVO head of research, **Veronique Jochum's recent blog**. If you want to be kept informed of the project's progress or would consider taking part, please complete NCVO's **expression of interest form**.

Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

Nominations for the 2020 Queen's Award for Voluntary Services are now open and will close on 13 September. This year a record number of 281 voluntary groups were awarded in the ceremony on 2 June. The award is the highest honour for volunteer groups in the UK and recognises the important work taking place in communities by these organisations.



Nominate online via [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)

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Time Well Spent Report

The experiences of people who give their time through employer-organised or employer-supported activities, known as employer-supporter volunteering (ESV), are positive but lag behind those who arrange their own volunteering, a June report from NCVO finds.

The research shows that 39% of ESV volunteers reported being 'very satisfied' against 56% of non-ESV volunteers. It suggests that focusing on the quality of the experience of workplace volunteers tends to be less of a priority for the organisations involved than it would be for other forms of volunteering.

[Find out more.](#)

UK Civil Society Almanac 2019

NCVO launched the 2019 edition of the UK Civil Society Almanac in June.

The new data shows that overall levels of volunteering have remained stable. More than one in five people volunteered at least once a month for a group, club or organisation. However, lack of diversity continues to be an issue: formal volunteers are more likely to be older, well-educated and from higher socio-economic groups.

Lisa Hornung, NCVO researcher, has [summarised the key Almanac findings](#) and Elizabeth Chamberlain, NCVO's head of policy and public services outlines what the data [tells us about the policy environment](#).



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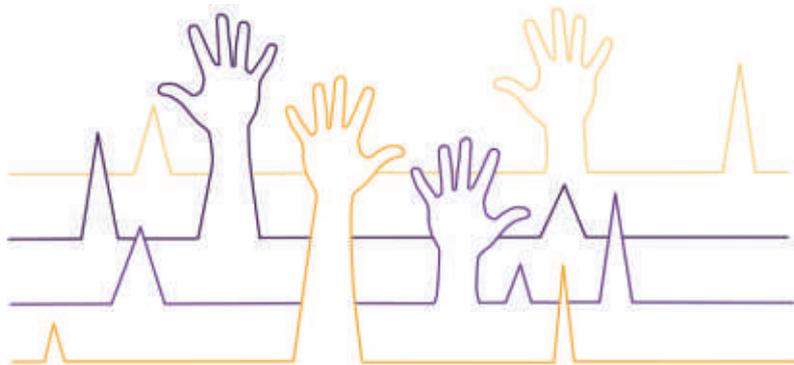
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Latest Volunteering Opportunities

Good Companion

This is a Pilot scheme for people living in Walkden. We are looking for Walkden residents to help people living with dementia or those who may feel isolated, lonely or depressed. The role would involve committing your time

to escort guests to the monthly afternoon social events, support their time there by encouraging interaction with other guests and joining in with the singing and dancing, return them to their home after the event. You will receive training in being a dementia friend, empowered conversations and lifting and handling to support your role.

Transportation is provided by prearranged taxis from Walkden and will be paid for by Dancing with Dementia.



Basketball Support Volunteer

Volunteers will support the coaches in delivering weekly basketball sessions for people with a learning disability.

Tasks will include:

- Helping set up drills and equipment
- Working with the members to ensure each person is able to participate fully in the session
- Coaching and running drills (if this is of interest!)
- Making the sessions fun and keeping participants engaged

Volunteers will have the chance to progress with coaching and other qualifications through DOSportUK and also access extra competitions and events with the team.



1:1 Home Befriender (1.5 hr – 2 hours per week or fortnight)

If you like engaging in conversations about all sorts of things over a cuppa tea or coffee, then this volunteering role may be for you! As a Being There Home Befriender you will be required to visit a client at



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their home address and befriend them on a weekly or fortnightly basis (it is up to you!). This service is to help reduce social isolation, increase confidence and self-esteem and improve mental and emotional wellbeing. Everyone likes to see a friendly and familiar face, so if you would like our clients to see yours, then apply today! It is a very flexible programme. Once you have completed our 1 day training programme and DBS checks, you can chose the days and hours that suit you, as long as it is between Monday-Fridays, 9am-4pm.

Salford Pedal Away - Befriender and Supporter

Our Pedal Away rides are pitched at a low level so that anyone can join in no matter when the last time you got on a bike was. They are social rides every Thursday aimed to turn people from dubious beginner, to independent confident cyclist! Rides usually last between 1-2 hours and will feature a café stop during or at the end of the ride. Each ride will have a ride leader at the front of the group and volunteers at the back to ensure everyone stays together but we always welcome additional volunteers to support the social element of the ride. We would like someone to:

- Support us to welcome people as they arrive to join in and get their equipment
- Participate in the ride and keep to the middle pace of riders
- Offer encouragement and conversation to other riders to help us to support the social side of the ride.

Apply to volunteer

To register for any of these opportunities or to see our full list of current opportunities [visit our volunteering portal](#).

If you would prefer to speak to one of our team about volunteering we have a drop in day every Thursday at: Salford CVS / Volunteer Centre Salford, The Old Town Hall, 5 Irwell Place, Eccles, M30 0FN.

The drop in is from 10am – 7pm, you don't need to make an appointment. However, if you would prefer to make an appointment for a different day please call us on 0161 787 7795 or email volunteer@salfordcvs.co.uk

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Recruiting and Managing Volunteers

On Tuesday 5th November we are running a 1 day course on Recruiting and Managing volunteers. The course is being delivered by Rob Jackson a leading voice in volunteer management and published author on the subject.

If you manage volunteers don't miss out on this informative and inspirational course which will include:

- Role design
- Recruitment and retention
- Boundaries
- Recognition
- Empowering volunteers
- Dealing with problem behaviour

Comments for Rob's previous training:

"Amazing, inspiring, motivating trainer in Volunteer Management"

"Professional, informative, inspirational, current"

For more information and to book please go to the event page on our website.

To see our full training programme go the event feed on our website.

Sign up to our training bulletin or any of our other mailing lists here.

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Volunteering Health Check

The volunteering health check has been designed to help organisations identify where good practice is being achieved in relation to involving volunteers and where further development is needed.

You can use this link to download the health check.

We can provide help and support on any aspect of it or if you would prefer to meet up with us to go through it email claire.roberts@salfordcvs.co.uk



Volunteer Expenses Fund

This fund is for small VCSE (£100k pa turnover), to meet the cost of paying out-of-pocket expenses to support volunteers. You can apply for grants of up to £750.

Closing date: Applications can be made at any time and are assessed on a bi-monthly basis. **Please visit our website for further details.**



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Register interest online

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Skill Givers

What's on your wish list? What would you do if you had more time, more resources or access to a particular set of skills? What would help you, do what you do better? Skill Givers can match you to volunteers with the skills you need!

Find out more on the [Skill Givers website](#).



Volunteering Portal

If you are looking for volunteers, you can advertise your opportunities directly on the Salford CVS website via our Volunteering Portal. Using the portal you can:

- Keep your organisations details up to date - you can edit your address, logo, email etc. whenever you want
- Add opportunities to our website directly - fill in a form, which will remember all of your organisation's details, and submit online
- Edit your live volunteer opportunity listings - if you have filled all of your volunteer vacancies before your listing is due to expire you can update your listing and close it early
- All your volunteer applications in one place - you can view all of your volunteer expressions of interest and their contact details in one place. They are sorted by opportunity, so you know which role they are interested in. We will send you a notification each time someone expresses interest
- Track volunteers who have expressed an interest in your opportunities - you can mark which volunteers you have contacted, and whether they have been recruited or not
- View your feedback - volunteers who apply for your opportunities can leave feedback as star ratings. You can contact the volunteer centre for more information about your reviews.

If you are new to the Volunteer Centre Salford, [create your online account here](#).

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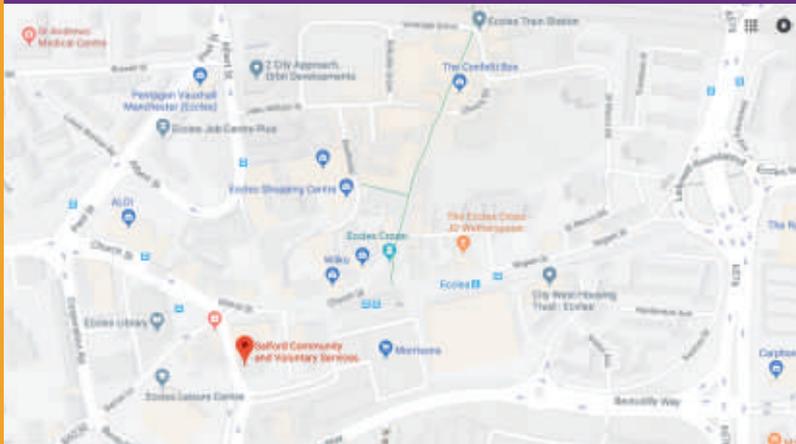
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