

## 25 Volunteering Opportunities to Celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Volunteers Week

### Can your company commit to 25 hours of volunteering for Volunteer's Week 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June 2009?

For more information on this month's selection of employee volunteering opportunities, click on the links below:

| Type of Opportunity                   | What is this?  |
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| <a href="#">Regular Opportunities</a> | Helping out charities on a regular and ongoing basis. There are various types of activity that you could get involved in: mentoring, befriending, administration, conservation work etc. Great for just getting involved and doing something different.  |
| <a href="#">Challenges</a>            | Typically a one-off practical task like refurbishing a scout hut or creating a garden and completed by a group of employees usually on one-day. Great as a team-building exercise.   |
| <a href="#">Skills Bank</a>           | Using your business skills to help out a charity. Usually short term one-off projects such as designing a website, writing a business plan or helping to develop a marketing strategy. Great for employee skills development.  |
| <a href="#">Trustees</a>              | Charity trustees are the people legally responsible for the overall management and decision-making in a charity. Time commitment can vary but meetings are often held on a monthly basis and you'd need to be on board for at least a year. Great for getting strategic management experience. |

These are just a selection of the opportunities available. For more information please contact:

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## Regular Opportunities:

### Where?

Around Swindon at various sports venues.

### What's Required?

Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks at the **Festival or Sport**. Help **set up** materials, displays, stalls, etc. **Steward or Marshal** duties or **Table Scorers**.

Sports include Dragon Boat Racing, Beach Volleyball, Football, Tennis, Children's Fun Run, It's A Knock Out.

Volunteers can help for a whole day or part of a day: **Sat 30<sup>th</sup> & Sun 31<sup>st</sup> May**.

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### Where?

Swindon & Wiltshire

### What's Required?

**Event organizer** for **Have A Heart Charity, Heart FM Radio**. This is a very flexible opportunity and can be done in your spare time! Have A Heart supports disadvantaged children in the local community. Activities will involve researching markets to identify opportunities for events, agreeing to and managing costs, securing and booking a suitable venue or location, marketing the event and overseeing the whole event from start to finish.

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### Where?

New College Campus, Swindon

### What's Required?

**Men only!! Male marshals** required for **Starlight Walk Sat 27th June**, 8pm to midnight. The Starlight Walk by women raises funds for the local Prospect Hospice.

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### Where?

Health Hydro, Swindon SN1

### What's Required?

Volunteer at the Swindon **Family Contact Centre** on **Saturdays**. Help children of separated families spend time with one or both parents and sometimes other family members at a friendly neutral environment. You will need an understanding of children and being able to listen and not comment or judge

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### Where?

Swindon & Wiltshire

### What's Required?

Volunteer **Assistant** to **help with learners** who might have poor past experience of learning at The Learning Curve – a charity whose expertise in promoting and providing skills and learning to adults has been nationally recognised. Volunteering can be done evenings and weekends.

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**Where?**

Swindon,inc Old Town & Toothill

**What's Required?**

Volunteer at **Swindon Carers Centre**, some evenings and weekends. The Carers Centre provides support for unpaid carers of family, friends or neighbours This includes Young Carers – children who look after a parent or sibling at home. You can **help give the young carers a break** from their caring role.

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## Challenges:

**Where?**

Wroughton

**What's Required?**

Various challenge projects **including gardening, painting (indoor & outdoor) & laying concrete** to help restore this beautiful Victorian school house. This charity provides residential **facilities for underprivileged children**. The Filling Station, a charity that helps the local **homeless**, is also based here.

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**Where?**

Cotswold Water Park

**What's Required?**

Team needed **to set up, welcome participants & marshal** a fundraising event, the Mount Everest Challenge, **Sat 20<sup>th</sup> & Sun 21<sup>st</sup> June**. Volunteers are also needed to **plan & market** this event. This is for an educational charity that helps inspire young people to reach their potential.

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**Where?**

Swindon Centre, SN1

**What's Required?**

A challenge team required to **redecorate** premises of a charity that provides support, help & information to women and men relating to unplanned pregnancy or baby loss.

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**Where?**  
Swindon, SN2

**What's Required?**

A challenge team required to **clear and dig an allotment**, & possibly supply and build new shed. This is for a charity that focuses on the **health & wellbeing of local young people** and aims to reduce anti-social behavior.

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**Where?**  
Swindon

**What's Required?**

**Create a garden & tree planting** for a local school. This project is in conjunction with BBC Breathing Spaces.

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## Skills Banks:

**Where?**  
Walcot, Swindon, SN3

**What's Required?**

Great need for someone with **book-keeping skills** to help put accounts in order at the Dome Community Centre. This project can be done at any time to suit but there is a great need here for someone with knowledge of accounts. The Community Centre is open to all and provides much needed facilities in Walcot and Parks areas.

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**Where?**  
Penhill, Swindon, SN2

**What's Required?**

Someone with **creative** IT skills needed to **design a newsletter** for the Sure Start Children's Centre. Sure Start's aim is for every child, whatever their background or their circumstances to have the support they need to be healthy, stay safe, enjoy & achieve.

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**Where?**

Swindon, SN1

**What's Required?**

Assistance with internal **audit of contracts for external services**. This is for Threshold Housing Link, a local charity that helps single homeless people. Hopefully the audit will ensure financial prudence, outline and define appropriate risk and realize opportunities for leverage for potential cost savings and efficiencies.

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**Where?**

Kington Langley, nr  
Chippenham

**What's Required?**

**Design a newsletter** for a Leonard Cheshire Disability residential home. They provide residential nursing care & services for physically disabled adults.

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**Where?**

Old Town, Swindon,  
SN1

**What's Required?**

Prepare a **communications, publicity and awareness raising strategy** targeted at Swindon's over 50s on behalf of the Retired & Senior Volunteer Programme. The RSVP provides senior volunteers for several local charities and community projects.

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**Where?**

Swindon, SN1

**What's Required?**

**Design, marketing & printing** for Inner Flame, an educational charity that helps inspire young people to reach their potential.

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**Where?**

Swindon, SN1

**What's Required?**

**Develop a 5 year business plan** for Threshold Housing Link, a local charity that helps single homeless people. This will require milestone identification to note achievements & integrate stretch targets in order to deliver strategy with identifiable tangible outcomes.

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## Trustees:

**Where?**

Swindon, SN1

**What's Required?**

The Volunteer Centre Swindon has a need for a **Trustee with marketing, media or publicity** experience. Applications are particularly welcomed from the **under 25 age group**.

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**Where?**

Swindon, SN1

**What's Required?**

The Broadgreen Breakfast Club needs a **Secretary** for their Management Committee. They are a charity that **provides food for the homeless** and a safe environment for outreach workers to give help and advice.

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**Where?**

Swindon

**What's Required?**

The **Multiple Sclerosis Society** needs a **Treasurer**. They provide information and support to those affected by MS in the local area.

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**Where?**

Penhill, Swindon, SN2

**What's Required?**

The Swindon Ten to Eighteen Project needs a **Trustee – HR experience** will be especially welcome. STEP **helps local disadvantaged children and young people** by providing activity based therapeutic group work in a safe environment.

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**Where?**

Gorsehill, Swindon , SN2

**What's Required?**

The Open Door Centre charity needs a **Trustee**, and a **Treasurer**. They provide a specialist day resource for **adults with learning difficulties**, who may also have physical disabilities or mental health issues.

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**Where?**

Penhill, Swindon, SN2

**What's Required?**

The **Community Learning** In Penhill CLIP needs a **Trustee**. They are a charity that provides courses on art, cookery, dance, first aid, computer skills & literacy.

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**Where?**

Swindon, SN2

**What's Required?**

Swindon **Dial-A-Ride** & Community Transport needs a **Treasurer**. They are local voluntary organisation whose aim is to provide safe, affordable, accessible transport for the community.

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