

# Volunteering Newsletter

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Jessica Rehan, Derby Award student, who sold her own cakes on campus on the 1st February 2013 as part of Red for Heart campaign for the British Heart Foundation. Jessica raised £150.31.

## Welcome

**Happy New Year and welcome to February 2013 Volunteering Newsletter.**

Student Volunteering Week will take place this month from the 11th to the 16th of February. Why not make it your opportunity to get involved in volunteering?

If you are considering volunteering or working abroad here is an event for your diary – Work/ Volunteer Overseas Fair 19th February 2013 11am-3pm, Atrium, Kedleston Road. For more information please see our website [www.derby.ac.uk/careers](http://www.derby.ac.uk/careers)

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For more information on finding volunteering opportunities please get in touch at

T: 01332 591316

E: [volunteering@derby.ac.uk](mailto:volunteering@derby.ac.uk)

### Support services volunteer

The Alzheimer's Society is looking for volunteers who could help out at their Memory Cafes at Hilton, Swadlincote, Ashbourne (life history group), Buxton, Bakewell, Eckington and Shirebrook. The roles entail meeting and greeting people, attending support services, serving refreshments, spending time with clients and carers to assess individual needs and making sure they are aware of support services available.

For more information or to apply please contact Mark Fitzpatrick on T: 01332 208845 M: 07711372440 or E: [Mark.Fitzpatrick@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:Mark.Fitzpatrick@alzheimers.org.uk)



## Padley

Padley is a Derby-based charity founded in 1985 delivering services to people with complex needs. Padley works with some of the most socially excluded people in our local community.

Raise funds for Padley –  
[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/padley](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/padley) -  
over 2000 retailers



## Comonwealth Games Volunteers

Glasgow 2014 is looking for up to 15,000 people to become volunteers for the 2014 Commonwealth Games, and now is your chance to apply to play a key part in the experience.

The Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games, running from the 23 July - 3 August 2014 will be the biggest sporting and cultural event Scotland has ever seen. Don't worry if you don't have any previous experience volunteering, as training will be provided for each role.

The application form is available on  
<http://tinyurl.com/b7g6zxh>



## Oxjam Takeover

Oxjam Takeover is a multi-venue music festival taking over a city for the night, showcasing local talent and raising money for Oxfam. There have been over 120 Takeover events since 2009, which raised an impressive £525,000! As the Oxjam Derby Manager, I lead a team of volunteers and organised the festival in Derby. Our last event incorporated 5 venues, 34 artists, 27 hours of music and fundraised £2,500! Volunteering is great joy; you change somebody's life and get tons of experience and new friends in return.

Want to get involved in Oxjam 2013? Please drop me an email at  
[jakub.achenbach@gmail.com](mailto:jakub.achenbach@gmail.com)

## Air Ambulance



Following a recent recruitment drive at the University of Derby, The Air Ambulance Service now has five volunteers who are making a considerable contribution to the merchandise department.

All of the volunteers bring different skills to the team. Eugene has been instrumental in generating income by adding donated stock onto eBay. Michelle had a great day out delivering Christmas cards

to all of Derbyshire and Leicestershire shops back in September. Emma brings her finance expertise to the department and helped create spread sheets, allowing the shops to be more efficient. Rosie has been a constant help with stock management and giving the much needed help to fulfil large volumes of website orders.

All of the volunteers give up their valuable time, which helps the team generate much needed income for the charity, which in turn keeps the helicopter flying and saving lives!

If you would like to discuss volunteering in 2013 at The Air Ambulance Service based in Kegworth, then please call Sarah Mitten on 08454 130999  
E: [Sarah.Mitten@theairambulanceservice.org.uk](mailto:Sarah.Mitten@theairambulanceservice.org.uk)





## World Book Day celebrates books and reading, this year it's on Thursday 7th March.

Join in the fun! Devonshire Library at the University of Derby is collecting donations of fiction books (including children's fiction books) from staff and students. Bring your donations to us from Monday 18th February. All the Libraries are open to collecting donations, so you can pop into us or Kedleston Road/Britannia Mill to donate books.

We will be having a book sale on Wednesday 6th and Thurs 7th March and donating the profits to Book Aid International.

For more information please visit [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com)



## Headway Derby is looking for a Volunteer Fundraiser

The role will be to help build support for Headway Derby from individuals and groups by building relationships, organising events, searching for new fundraising opportunities and contributing to funding applications.

If you think you have skills we are looking for and the commitment to take on this role then please contact Jane Simpson, East Midlands Regional Co-ordinator for more information on E: [em.regional.co-ordinator@headway.org.uk](mailto:em.regional.co-ordinator@headway.org.uk)



## Blank canvasses – volunteers needed for the Mercian Way research station

Artists John Plowman and Gerard Williams collectively known as PWP have been commissioned by Derby City Council (who are collaborating with QUAD) to work on the public engagement phase of Blank Canvasses a new public art project for Mercian Way, Derby.

They are keen to get views and input from local people about the proposed artworks and have set up the Mercian Way Research Station (MWRS) across the road from the Abbey Street car park. The MWRS is open Thursday to Saturday each week from 12 – 4pm until the end of March.

During this time they'll be collecting as many views and ideas as possible from local people, organisations and businesses, researching and collecting material that could help with the final

artworks such as photos, stories, anecdotes about the area, its history, local characters, etc. A group of interested people will be established who will work with PWP to develop the final proposals for the artworks to be sited along Mercian way.

PWP would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in helping out with the activities of the MWRS which would include: being present in the MWRS during opening hours, talking to people about the project and eliciting their ideas and views, helping out with editing and collating material for Word Works the monthly publication and helping members of the public use the periscope that will be sited at different points along the Mercian Way.

If you have any time to spare, no matter how little, and are interested in helping out please contact John Plowman or Gerard Williams (PWP) on E: [mercianwayart@hotmail.com](mailto:mercianwayart@hotmail.com) M: 07771488730 (Thurs-Sat 12-4) Blog: <http://blankcanvasses.wordpress.com>

## Me and Dee

Me and Dee is a local organization which aims to provide special moment treats and experiences, for lasting memories where time is short and precious, for anyone of any age with life threatening and shortening conditions.

Me and Dee is organizing Narnia Themed Children's ball on Saturday 9th March from 2 to 6pm at the Derby Conference Centre.

Volunteers are required to help set the scene, serve basic catering, perform and wear costumes, answer stall holders queries, ensure general flow of the event and help at the tea party.

More information can be found on [www.luvu.biz/narnia.htm](http://www.luvu.biz/narnia.htm)

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Maria on E: [info@meanddee.co.uk](mailto:info@meanddee.co.uk) M: 07834546496 T: 01332 863827



## College/School Progression Mentor

Mencap is the voice of learning disability. Everything we do is about valuing and supporting people with a learning disability, and their families and carers. This role is for a progression mentor to volunteer weekly at Buxton College on set weekday during college hours. The volunteer will meet with allocated young people with a learning disability and support them to take positive next steps with their action plans and to reflect, evaluate and recognise their learning and experience. The skills required are commitment to the aims and values of Mencap, the ability to relate to and empathise with young people and their aspirations, good interpersonal skills and the ability to be non-judgmental, self-aware, patient and understanding. An induction to Mencap and programme specific training will be given. A CRB will be required for this opportunity.

Contact the volunteer team if you are interested on [volunteering@mencap.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@mencap.org.uk) or call 0845 123 3000

## Volunteer Team Leader – YHA Summer Camp

This is a fantastic opportunity to gain great training and experience in supporting and delivering activities to young people.

It's a residential opportunity so volunteers also get the chance to explore somewhere new on their days off.

Whether you want a career in teaching, outdoor activities or be a social worker, the skills and knowledge you pick up through your Summer Camp experience will boost you CV, and your confidence. Best of all, YHA will provide you with free meals, training, accommodation and even give you up to £110 reimbursement to cover your travel expenses.

There's no such thing as a typical day, so you can expect to be involved with: welcoming young people to camp, helping them through the daily routine and getting ready for activities, supervising young people on breaks and in the evening, delivering evening sessions e.g. crafts, games, providing lights out and night duty on a rota basis, escorting young people to doctors, etc, if required, sometimes you may need to help with transport escort duties.

**More information about this role can be found on**  
**[www.yhasummercamps.org.uk](http://www.yhasummercamps.org.uk) and**  
**the application form is available at**  
**[www.yhacareers.co.uk](http://www.yhacareers.co.uk)**



## Volunteer dance teachers

Derby Academy of Performing Arts at the West End Community Centre in Derby requires volunteer dance teachers. If you have an interest in teaching children and young people and enjoy dancing please contact Amanda on  
[amandadrivern@ntlworld.com](mailto:amandadrivern@ntlworld.com)

**For more information on the organisation please visit:**  
**<http://www.derbyacademyofperformingarts.co.uk/home>**

## Want to gain some invaluable volunteering experience? Are you a media or film studies student?

Then we'd like your help! First Steps Derbyshire are looking for a volunteer or two to help put together a short film about body image and self-esteem, our aim being is to inspire the younger generation to adopt a greater awareness of the media and of eating disorders and to show that being your own individual self is more important than the way we look!

We are looking for someone who is creative, committed, reliable and enthusiastic! It would be an added bonus if you had a basic knowledge of eating disorders, as at times you would be working with service users.

If you meet the above then we'd like your help in inputting ideas at the steering group, in making a story board, shooting at different locations, editing, producing and directing.

**Like to get involved with this project or want to know some more information?**  
**Please contact either Victoria: [victoria@firststepsderby.co.uk](mailto:victoria@firststepsderby.co.uk) or Marc:**  
**[marc@firststepsderby.co.uk](mailto:marc@firststepsderby.co.uk) or you can ring on 01332 367571**



## Have you considered Volunteering?

### Amber Valley Holiday Activity Scheme

Monday to Friday  
July 29th — August 2nd  
August 5th — August 9th

The Amber Valley Holiday Activity Scheme runs for two weeks during the summer holidays, for children with physical impairment / challenging behaviour / moderate to severe learning difficulties in Amber Valley .

Without volunteers these group of children would not have the benefit of new experiences, fun and new challenges in safe surroundings.

We are looking for volunteers to help us support these children.



“Can you give up two weeks of your time to support and be a role model for these children/young people?

Do you want to enhance your C.V by adding to your own life experience”?

If so

**Don't hesitate act now!**

DASG have again offered their administrative support for this scheme.  
For more information please contact:

Email: [Ryan.dasg@autismsupport.co.uk](mailto:Ryan.dasg@autismsupport.co.uk) or call  
Ryan on: 01773 741221

