

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES For Young People UNDER 18 Years of Age



This booklet contains a list of Organisations advising they may offer opportunities for young people under 18 years of age. Check our website for all **CURRENT Youth Volunteering Opportunities** <https://www.volunteeredinburgh.org.uk/volunteer/youth-volunteering/> and/or pop into the Volunteer Edinburgh Office for further information and assistance. We offer a weekly Hotlist of Youth Volunteering Opportunities in the office. Why not sign up for our monthly newsletter and stay informed

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0131 225 0630

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**Do You Know About the About the Saltire Awards?**  
[www.saltireawards.org.uk](http://www.saltireawards.org.uk)

This is a national initiative designed to celebrate and reward the commitment and contribution of young volunteers in Scotland. Supported and endorsed by the Scottish Government these awards enable young volunteers aged 12-25 to record skills, experience and learning gained through their volunteering roles. Importantly you receive **Saltire Award Certificates** and gain valuable **Young Scots points** too. Find out more and see how you can gain your first Saltire Award Certificate (after only 10 hours of volunteering) by visiting the Saltire Awards website above. Contact Volunteer Edinburgh as we're always **very happy to help** 😊  
Either email [saltireadmin@volunteeredinburgh.org.uk](mailto:saltireadmin@volunteeredinburgh.org.uk) or telephone **0131 225 0630**

## No Minimum Age

### **St Giles Cathedral** [www.stgilescathedral.org.uk](http://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk)

Our volunteer guides aim to provide visitors with a warm, welcoming atmosphere, and a visitor experience which is enjoyable, meaningful and memorable and enable visitors to explore the fascinating history, architecture and spiritual heritage- whatever your interests, beliefs and level of knowledge. Whilst there is no minimum age spaces for under 18s may be limited.

**Contact:** St Giles Cathedral, Royal Mile, Edinburgh, EH1 1RE  
**0131 226 0677** [info@stgilescathedral.org.uk](mailto:info@stgilescathedral.org.uk)

### **Keep Scotland Beautiful** [www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org](http://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org)

Keep Scotland Beautiful has been active in Scotland for over 40 years, we work on clearing up litter and campaigning for a clean and tidy Scotland. No minimum age, as long as there is adult supervision given for all under 16's.

**Contact:** Glendevon House, First Floor, the Castle Business Park, Stirling FK9 4TZ  
**01786 471333** *E-mail via website*

## Active Schools

Active Schools aims to support all their pupils to be more active, more often within sports activities. As **every school** in the City of Edinburgh has an Active School Co-ordinator, ask to speak to them or talk to your **Physical Education Teacher to find out more.**

## Minimum Age 8 years

### **Eczema Outreach Scotland** <http://eczemaoutreachscotland.org.uk>

If you have eczema and would like to help other young people with the same condition then we'd like to let you know that we are looking for young ambassadors who are living with eczema to help with an exciting new project.

**Contact:** Eczema Outreach Scotland, Bryerton House, 129 High Street, Linlithgow EH49 7EJ Or contact the Young People Coordinator for XY zone **01506 840 395** or [info@eczemaoutreachscotland.org.uk](mailto:info@eczemaoutreachscotland.org.uk)

## Minimum age 12 years

### **Help for Heroes** [www.helpforheroes.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer-for-h4h/how-can-i-help/](http://www.helpforheroes.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer-for-h4h/how-can-i-help/)

Our mission is to deliver an enduring network of support for our wounded and their families. Under 14's Must be Accompanied by an adult during volunteering and 14 – 18 year olds must have written permission from a parent/guardian.

**Contact:** Ailsa Alcock **0131 553 0246** [ailsa.alcock@helpforheroes.org.uk](mailto:ailsa.alcock@helpforheroes.org.uk)

## Minimum age 14 years

### **The Broomhouse Cafe Project** [www.broomhousecentre.org.uk/](http://www.broomhousecentre.org.uk/)

The Project provides training for the unemployed, prisoners, adults with learning difficulties, students and young people so they can help run the Cafe and use the experience for future jobs.

**Contact** 0131 455 7731 email [cafeproject@broomhousecentre.org.uk](mailto:cafeproject@broomhousecentre.org.uk)

### **Capability Scotland** [www.capability-scotland.org.uk/](http://www.capability-scotland.org.uk/)

Capability Scotland is the leading Scottish disability organisation and has nearly 60 years. Please check with local stores for retail and stock room **vacancies**.

**Contact** Volunteer Co-ordinator, Capability Scotland Head Office, Westerlea, 11 Ellersly Road, EH12 6HY  
**0131 347 1008**

### **Drum Riding School for the Disabled (DRUM RDA)** [www.drumrda.org.uk](http://www.drumrda.org.uk)

The DRUM RDA is run & managed by volunteers and always looking for reliable people who can help & inspire the disabled people attending the school. Min. age 14yrs.

**Contact:** DRUM RDA, Drum Est. Gilmerton, EH17 8RX **0131 664 5803** [drumrda@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:drumrda@hotmail.co.uk)

### **The Green Team** [www.greenteam.org.uk](http://www.greenteam.org.uk)

The Green Team works with young people to promote active learning through enjoyment in the outdoors. Join in their programme of practical conservation days and help plant trees, improve footpaths or remove invasive bushes. Both one day and residential programmes are available too. A fee of £12 per day may be required to cover running costs.

**Contact:** The Green Team, Tynecastle High School EH11 2ND **0131 337 7227** [info@greenteam.org.uk](mailto:info@greenteam.org.uk)

### **The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association (Scotland)** [www.guidedogs.org.uk](http://www.guidedogs.org.uk)

Fundraising, awareness raising & campaigning volunteers always needed Contact

**0345 143 0203** Email: [edinburgh.mobilityteam@guidedogs.org.uk](mailto:edinburgh.mobilityteam@guidedogs.org.uk)

### **The Junction - Young People, Health & Wellbeing** [www.the-junction.org](http://www.the-junction.org)

Meet new people, both within the group and out promoting and representing The Junction in schools, doing flyer drops or special one-off events. Suggest discussion topics, give ideas for how services can develop, support the creation of resources and even develop your own health change initiatives.

**Contact:** The Junction, 82-86 Great Junction St EH6 5LL **0131 553 0570** Email: [info@the-junction.org](mailto:info@the-junction.org)

## **Oxfam Shops** [www.oxfam.org.uk](http://www.oxfam.org.uk)

Oxfam is an international confederation of 15 organisations working worldwide to overcome poverty & injustice around the world. Oxfam Scotland runs campaigning, development education, anti-poverty & trading programmes in Scotland with distinct media and policy components. Some of their charity shops take volunteers as young as 14

**Contact:** See their website for all further information <https://www.oxfam.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer-with-us>

## **PDSA Shops** [www.pdsa.org.uk](http://www.pdsa.org.uk)

PDSA is the UK's leading veterinary charity, treating over 4,650 sick and injured animals daily. PDSA services are run by the hard-working vets and nurses at our PetAid hospitals funded entirely by public support. The volunteers in their charity shops help generate this vital revenue.

**Contact** 85 Nicholson Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9BZ **0131 667 3582**

## **The Ripple Project** <http://rippleproject.co.uk/ripple-youth-services/ripple-buddies-project/>

Ripple Buddies Mentor - The Ripple Buddies Project pairs young people (14-19) with local primary school and S1 aged children. You will be matched 1-1 with a child within a small supported after school club setting. The children who attend Ripple Buddies are referred for a variety of reasons which mean they are experiencing some sort of difficulty in their home or school life. You will receive a volunteer induction, ongoing 1-1 support meetings, a range of certificated training from outside organisations, and support to claim Saltire Awards.

**Contact** [buddies@theripple.org.uk](mailto:buddies@theripple.org.uk)

## **Royal Voluntary Service (Edinburgh)**

[www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk/](http://www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk/)

Some of the RVS shops and cafes in hospitals recruit volunteers from the age of 14.

Contact: See their website for more information

<https://volunteering.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk/volunteering-in-hospitals>

## **Salvation Army Trading Company** [www.satradingsco.org/](http://www.satradingsco.org/)

Volunteers needed in our Tollcross shop to join the shop team, includes helping customers and people making stock donations, operating the till, bagging purchases and helping arrange the stock in the shop.

**Contact** 36 Earl Grey Street, Edinburgh EH3 9BN **0131 229 8787**

## **Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP)** [www.syp.org.uk](http://www.syp.org.uk)

The SYP is an organisation led by young people, for young people. It provides the opportunity for young people aged 14-25 to put forward their views and opinions on things which affect them, and seeks to influence decision-makers.

**Contact** 0131 557 0452 [info@syp.org.uk](mailto:info@syp.org.uk)

## **Shelter Shop** [www.shelterscotland.org.uk](http://www.shelterscotland.org.uk)

Shelter believes everyone should have a home. They help thousands fight for their rights, get back on their feet, find and keep a home. They also tackle the root causes of bad housing by campaigning for new laws, policies and solutions.

**Contact** Tollcross Shop, 43 Home Street EH3 9JP **0131 221 9124** [tollcrossshop@shelter.org.uk](mailto:tollcrossshop@shelter.org.uk)

## **Seeing Ear** [www.seeingear.org/](http://www.seeingear.org/)

Working from home, in your own free time, you will help us add books to our online library for blind and print disabled members of the community, editing and formatting MS Word files.

**Contact** 01424 777466 [support@seeingear.org](mailto:support@seeingear.org)

## **Minimum age 15 years**

### **British Heart Foundation** [www.bhf.org.uk](http://www.bhf.org.uk)

The aim of the British Heart Foundation is to play a leading role in the fight against heart disease. This can be achieved through research, education, care, funding medical research, providing support and information and also providing lifesaving equipment for hospitals and funding British Heart Foundation nurses. **Contact** Shandwick Place Shop, 85 Shandwick Place EH2 4SD **0131 229 7998**

Stockbridge Shop  
35-39 Raeburn Place  
EH4 1HX  
**0131 315 3404**

Nicolson Street Shop  
102 Nicolson Street  
Edinburgh EH8 9EJ  
**0131 667 7448**

Edinburgh Furniture and  
Electrical Store  
56a Dalry Road, EH11 2BA  
**0131 341 2990**

Great Junction St Shop  
23-29 Great Junction St  
EH6 5HX  
**0131 555 4861**

### **British Red Cross** [www.redcross.org.uk](http://www.redcross.org.uk)

Fundraising is fun, rewarding and a great opportunity to meet new people. You will learn a lot about the work of the Red Cross and meet people involved in different aspects of the society.

#### **Contact**

Erin Butler British Red cross (Edinburgh)  
West Point House, 69 North Gyle Terrace,  
EH12 8JY **0131 338 5717**  
[eastscotreruitment@redcross.org.uk](mailto:eastscotreruitment@redcross.org.uk)

Maria Toyos British Red Cross  
44a Raeburn Place, EH4 1HL  
**01313328192**  
*Email: [mtoyos@redcross.org.uk](mailto:mtoyos@redcross.org.uk)*

### **Citadel Youth Centre** [www.citadelyouthcentre.org.uk](http://www.citadelyouthcentre.org.uk)

To offer local children and young people, 6-18 years, a programme of play, activities and opportunities designed to encourage, develop and reinforce their skills and self-image in a safe and supportive environment.

**Contact:** Citadel Youth Centre, 175 Commercial Street, Leith EH6 6JE **0131 554 0510**  
*Email: [info@citadelyouthcentre.org.uk](mailto:info@citadelyouthcentre.org.uk)*

## **Youth Football Scotland (YFS)** [www.youthfootballscotland.co.uk](http://www.youthfootballscotland.co.uk)

YFS aims to provide comprehensive coverage of the nation's youth football scene on a massive scale. As an YFS reporter you will provide up to date match reports & coverage from tournaments in your local area & be given the freedom to research, write, and publish, feature articles on any given subject in youth football; innovations in tactics, training or local football initiatives.

**Contact:** YFS, Caledonia House, 1 Redheughs Rigg, EH12 9DQ **0131 629 7903**  
[news@youthfootballscotland.co.uk](mailto:news@youthfootballscotland.co.uk)

## **Minimum age: 16 years**

### **Action on Hearing Loss Scotland** [www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/about-us/scotland.aspx](http://www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/about-us/scotland.aspx)

To provide information on deafness, hearing loss, tinnitus, products, campaigns and services that Action on Hearing Loss Scotland offer to a variety of service users including older deaf and hard of hearing people, carers, local community groups, schools and professionals.

**Contact:** **0141 341 5330** [volunteering.scotland@hearingloss.org.uk](mailto:volunteering.scotland@hearingloss.org.uk)

### **AgeScotland** [www.ageuk.org.uk/scotland/](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/scotland/)

Deliver an information and advice service for older people in Scotland, their carers, and families and professionals. Provide the service primarily by telephone, email, letter and to occasional drop-in callers in the reception area.

**Contact:** **0131 668 8040** [volunteering@agescotland.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@agescotland.org.uk)

### **Alzheimer Scotland National Office** [www.alzscot.org/](http://www.alzscot.org/)

Various fundraising events around Edinburgh and the Lothians

**Contact:** **0131 243 1453**

### **Bethany Christian Trust** [www.bethanychristiantrust.com](http://www.bethanychristiantrust.com)

We are a charity dedicated to helping relieve the suffering & long term needs of Homeless & vulnerable people. Our services vary from street work to providing short and long term accommodation, housing support & community education. Our Homemaker project provides furniture & appliances to vulnerable people granted a permanent tenancy.

**Contact:** **0131 561 8965** [volunteers@bethanychristiantrust.com](mailto:volunteers@bethanychristiantrust.com)

## **Bridgend Growing Communities** [www.bridgendgrowingcommunities.org.uk](http://www.bridgendgrowingcommunities.org.uk)

We are a charitable company seeking to promote health improvement, address social inequalities and enhance employability by creating opportunities for individuals & communities to come together & grow things! We have groups in Gilmerton, Cameron Toll & Craigmillar

**Contact:** Karen/Chris Peach, Bridgend Allotments 41 Old Dalkeith Rd EH16 4TE **0131 664 9559**  
[bridgendgrowingcommunities@gmail.com](mailto:bridgendgrowingcommunities@gmail.com)

## **Canine Concern Scotland** [www.canineconcernscotland.org.uk](http://www.canineconcernscotland.org.uk)

We promote responsible dog ownership in Scotland and our volunteers are expected to provide their own well socialised dog & be willing to make a long term commitment of 12 months. You must have been a dog owner for at least 6 months.

**Contact:** Canine Concern Scotland Trust, 81-85 Portland Street, Edinburgh, EH6 4AY **0131 553 0034**  
[info@canineconcernscotland.org.uk](mailto:info@canineconcernscotland.org.uk)

## **CAPS Independent Advocacy**

CAPS need young people to work with their collective advocacy team. The role requires someone who is able to relate to other young people and is also willing to share personal lived experience of an eating disorder of any kind, in order to educate and raise awareness around eating disorders amongst young people. The role requires the willingness to talk about and share experiences in group situations in various community settings including: schools, universities & public events.

**Contact:** CAPS Independent Advocacy, Old Stables Rd, Eskmills Park, Station Rd, Musselburgh **0131 273 5116** [victoria@capsadvocacy.org](mailto:victoria@capsadvocacy.org)

## **Cancer Research UK** [www.cancerresearchuk.org](http://www.cancerresearchuk.org)

Cancer Research UK's main aim is to maximise income for and awareness of cancer research. A large part of the fundraising exercise is achieved through the selling of retail products to local communities through their charity shops.

### **Contacts**

Nicolson Street Cancer Research Shop 130 Nicolson Street EH8 9EH **0131 667 0711**  
Clerk Street Cancer Research Shop 11 South Clerk Street EH8 9JD **0131 667 1284**  
Stockbridge Cancer Research Shop 30d Raeburn Place EH4 1HN **0131 343 6343**

## **CHILDREN 1ST –Sunflower Garden** [www.children1st.org.uk](http://www.children1st.org.uk)

At CHILDREN 1ST, our vision is a happy, healthy, safe and secure childhood for every child and young person in Scotland. For over 125 years, originally as the Royal Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children (RSSPCC), we've been working to build a brighter future for Scotland's vulnerable children and families.

**Contact:** CHILDREN 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1 Borougloch Square EH8 9NJ **0131 650 1119** [bfriends@childrens1st.org.uk](mailto:bfriends@childrens1st.org.uk)

## Corstorphine Youth and Community Centre

[www.corstorphine-youth-and-community-centre.co.uk/](http://www.corstorphine-youth-and-community-centre.co.uk/)

Assisting in the charity shop, sorting stock, serving customers, displaying goods and promoting Corstorphine Youth & Community Centre.

**Contact:** Caroline Anderson, Corstorphine Hub, 191 St John's Road EH12 7SL **07580659676**  
[cyc.centre@gmail.com](mailto:cyc.centre@gmail.com)

## Deaf Action [www.deafaction.org.uk/charity-shop/](http://www.deafaction.org.uk/charity-shop/)

Have an interest in retail? Fancy getting involved in charity work? Here's an opportunity to undertake a rewarding role as part of our friendly shop team of volunteers, selling a wide range of donated goods.

**Contact:** Paul Mills 31 High St South Queensferry EH30 9PP **0131 556 3128** [paul.mills@deafaction.org](mailto:paul.mills@deafaction.org)

## Dig-In Bruntsfield Community Greengrocer [www.diginbruntsfield.co.uk/](http://www.diginbruntsfield.co.uk/)

We need volunteers to work alongside our Shop Manager and Shop Supervisor. Volunteers who are friendly, reliable team players, with an interest in healthy eating. Dig-In is a friendly place and we are lucky to have very engaged and supportive customers. You will work as part of a team of all ages and backgrounds.

**Contact:** Dig-In Bruntsfield Community Greengrocer, 119 Bruntsfield Place EH10 4EQ.  
**0131 281 2944** [volunteer@diginbruntsfield.co.uk](mailto:volunteer@diginbruntsfield.co.uk)

## Duke of Edinburgh's Awards [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org)

The Duke of Edinburgh's Awards scheme are looking for enthusiastic, motivated volunteers interested in mentoring new Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants. There are other roles including administrative roles. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is for young people aged 14-25 in the Edinburgh area.

**Contact:** Fraser Robertson, Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Bangholm Outdoor Education Centre, Craighall Gardens, EH6 4RD **0131 551 4370** [Fraser.Robertson@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:Fraser.Robertson@edinburgh.gov.uk)

## Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre [www.drylawnc.org.uk/](http://www.drylawnc.org.uk/)

Would you like to be an innovator that would keep a local community updated on latest attractions? Our current website is a bit dated and would like it re designed to meet our client's needs.

**Contact:** Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre, 67b Groathill Road North, EH4 2SA **0131 315 4989**  
[info@drylawnc.org.uk](mailto:info@drylawnc.org.uk)



## **Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home Charity Shops - Morningside / Stockbridge** [www.edch.org.uk/](http://www.edch.org.uk/)

An opportunity to help local animal welfare charity. You will develop new retail skills and be a team player.

**Contact:** 0131 669 5331 [volunteering@edch.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@edch.org.uk)

## **Edinburgh City Libraries: IT Buddies** [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/libraries)

This is a very rewarding opportunity for those who enjoy computing and new technology and would be confident in passing on their skills to their clients, many of whom, have very little, if any, experience with computing.

**Contact:** Find your local library on Edinburgh Council's website  
<http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory/12/libraries>

## **Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust - ELGT** [www.elgt.org.uk/](http://www.elgt.org.uk/)

Community gardens are bringing people together all across Edinburgh. This is a great opportunity to get involved and get your hands dirty in one of the many projects in the city.

**Contact:** Rob Ford on 0131 445 4025 [rob@elgt.org.uk](mailto:rob@elgt.org.uk)

## **Edinburgh Napier University – Simulation & Clinical Skills Centre**

[www.napier.ac.uk/scsc](http://www.napier.ac.uk/scsc)

The Simulation and Clinical Skills Centre is purpose-built and provides 870m<sup>2</sup> (approx.) of accommodation for clinical skills teaching. Our centre at Edinburgh Napier University's Sighthill Campus provides a stimulating learning environment.

**Contact:** Simulation & Clinical Skills Centre, Edinburgh Napier University Sighthill Campus, EH11 4BN  
0131 455 5717/3206 [scsc@napier.ac.uk](mailto:scsc@napier.ac.uk)

## **ELREC** [www.elrec.org.uk](http://www.elrec.org.uk)

As an organisation we are committed to tackling hate crime within the City of Edinburgh and the Lothians. We strongly believe that local solutions developed by local young people with local commitment will provide sustainable protection for victims of hate crime who live in the area. Age group: 16-25 years.

**Contact:** Edinburgh and Lothian Regional Equality Council, 14 Forth Street, EH1 3LH 0131 556 0441  
[admin@elrec.org.uk](mailto:admin@elrec.org.uk)

## **Equality and Rights Network (EaRN)** [equalityandrightsnetwork.org.uk/](http://equalityandrightsnetwork.org.uk/)

Volunteer Equalities Ambassadors will provide a valuable link between decision makers and those most affected by poverty, inequality and discrimination.

**Contact:** 0131 561 8311 [equalityandrights@volunteeredinburgh.org.uk](mailto:equalityandrights@volunteeredinburgh.org.uk)

## **Eric Liddell Centre** [www.ericliddell.org](http://www.ericliddell.org)

As an Edinburgh charity working with local people the Eric Liddell Centre is able to do more because people want to assist us. Of course, if we have more helpers, we can do even more.

**Contact:** 15 Morningside Rd, Edinburgh EH10 4DP **0131 447 4520** [frontdesk@ericliddell.org](mailto:frontdesk@ericliddell.org)

## **Food Sharing Edinburgh** <https://foodsharingedinburgh.wordpress.com>

We collect excess food from local businesses and re-distribute it to the community. The team facilitator is the main point of contact for one business and organises the team of volunteers who collect the food.

**Contact:** The Food Sharing Office is located at the Shrub Coop: 13 Guthrie Street, EH1 1JG **Tel: 0131 220 1884** [hello@shrubcoop.org](mailto:hello@shrubcoop.org)

## **Gorgie/Dalry Toy Library** [www.gdtoylibrary.org.uk](http://www.gdtoylibrary.org.uk)

We are an established toy library and need help issuing and returning toys to parents and carers, welcoming them and the children and offering refreshments. Volunteers can join the rota for either or both of our sessions. The sessions are: Monday morning (10:00-11.30 am) and Wednesday.

**Contact:** St Martin's Community Resource Centre 232 Dalry Rd, EH11 2JG **Tel: 0131 337 3574** [info@gdtoylibrary.org.uk](mailto:info@gdtoylibrary.org.uk)

## **The Grassmarket Community Project** [www.grassmarketcommunityproject.co.uk](http://www.grassmarketcommunityproject.co.uk)

The Grassmarket Community Project provides several opportunities for individuals to help those who are homeless or at the risk of becoming homeless.

**Contact:** 86 Candlemaker Row, EH1 2QA **Tel: 0131 225 3626** [volunteer@grassmarket.org](mailto:volunteer@grassmarket.org)

## **Granton Youth Centre** [www.grantonyouth.com](http://www.grantonyouth.com)

GYC aims to increase the confidence and self-esteem of young people aged 16-25 living within the North Edinburgh area. They train a team of volunteer peer educators who communicate their ideas and advice with other young people. The volunteers gain peer leadership and other skills through training.

**Contact:** 3-11 West Granton Road, EH5 1HG **0131 552 6741** [info@grantonyouth.com](mailto:info@grantonyouth.com)

## **Greyfriars Kirk** [www.greyfriarskirk.com](http://www.greyfriarskirk.com)

Greyfriars Tolbooth and Highland Kirk, built in 1620 is steeped in history, bursting with commitment, energy and knowledge & promotes an inclusive society. Encouraging and enabling people to lead fulfilling lives, no one is turned away or rejected. Feel good about yourself and give something back.

**Contact:** Steve Lister **0131 225 1900** [administrator@greyfriarskirk.com](mailto:administrator@greyfriarskirk.com)

## **The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association (Scotland)** [www.guidedogs.org.uk](http://www.guidedogs.org.uk)

Fundraising, awareness raising & campaigning volunteers always needed Contact **0345 143 0203**  
[edinburgh.mobilityteam@guidedogs.org.uk](mailto:edinburgh.mobilityteam@guidedogs.org.uk)

## **HcL Handicabs** [www.hcltransport.org.uk/](http://www.hcltransport.org.uk/)

To help elderly and disabled people to live in their own homes for as long as possible & included in the life of the community.

**Contact:** Robert Hutson, 24/3A Dryden Road, Bilston Glen Industrial Estate, Loanhead EH20 9HX 0131 447 9953/07902 792 765 [robert.hutson@handicabs.org.uk](mailto:robert.hutson@handicabs.org.uk)

## **Health Opportunities Team** [www.health-opportunities.org.uk/](http://www.health-opportunities.org.uk/)

A fantastic opportunity to gain experience, develop your potential or help create a beautiful garden in the grounds of the Thistle Foundation.

**Contact:** 1A Queen's Walk, EH16 4EA **0131 468 4600** [info@health-opportunities.org.uk](mailto:info@health-opportunities.org.uk)

## **Hospice of Hope Shop, Stockbridge** [www.hospicesofhope.co.uk](http://www.hospicesofhope.co.uk)

Join us to make every day count for the terminally ill in Romania and the Balkans by helping us to maximise funds raised in our shops. Have fun, learn new skills and meet new people by preparing and selling donated stock.

**Contact:** 5 Deanaugh Street, Stockbridge EH4 1LU **0131 332 8625**, [stockbridge@hospicesofhope.co.uk](mailto:stockbridge@hospicesofhope.co.uk)

## **Leonard Cheshire Disability** [www.leonardcheshire.org/](http://www.leonardcheshire.org/)

Leonard Cheshire Disability supports over 21,000 disabled people in the UK and works in 52 countries. We campaign for change and provide innovative services that give disabled people the opportunity to live life their way.

**Contact:** Murrayburgh House, 17 Corstorphine Road EH12 6DD **0131 346 9040**  
[info@leonardcheshire.org](mailto:info@leonardcheshire.org)

**Libertus** [www.libertus.org.uk](http://www.libertus.org.uk)

Libertus is a South Edinburgh based charity looking for enthusiastic people to help with our activities & projects that range from creating bi monthly radio shows, producing films & documentaries, annual theatre productions, intergenerational projects, alternative therapies, exercise & arts and crafts. You'll work with older people, younger people & people living with special needs. We are particularly keen to hear from people with web based skills, IT, music technology /production & film making.

**Contact:** 0131 672 0986 [karendivine@libertus.org.uk](mailto:karendivine@libertus.org.uk)

**Lothian Autistic Society** [www.lothianautistic.org](http://www.lothianautistic.org)

Lothian Autistic Society is committed to making a positive difference in the lives of children and young people with autism, a specific developmental disability. The Lothian Autistic Society supports families and carers by providing accessible high quality autism-specific support services in Edinburgh and the Lothian's.

**Contact:** Davidson House, 57 Queen Charlotte St, Edinburgh EH6 7EY **0131 661 3834**  
[office@lothianautistic.org](mailto:office@lothianautistic.org)

**Lothians Conservation Volunteers** [www.lcv.org.uk/](http://www.lcv.org.uk/)

Fancy a day out at the weekend? The work carried out by our volunteers can make a positive difference to an area immediately benefiting the environment, wildlife and people. It is worthwhile, fun and sociable. There is no application process, simply call to book your place on our minibus for whatever day you wish to join us.

**Contact:** 0131 337 0223 [enquiries@lcv.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@lcv.org.uk)

**Macmillan Cancer Support (Scotland)** [www.macmillan.org.uk/](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/)

Macmillan Cancer Relief works to improve the quality of life for cancer patients and their families.

**Contact:** 0300 1000 200 [fundraising@macmillan.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@macmillan.org.uk)

**Marie Curie Shops** [www.mariecurie.org.uk](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk)

This is a great opportunity to learn new skills, practise skills you already have, meet new people, have some fun and make an important contribution to the work of the organisation.

*Email:* [trinity@mariecurieshops.org.uk](mailto:trinity@mariecurieshops.org.uk)

**Contact:**

162 Portobello High Street, EH15 1AH 2 Montague Terrace, Edinburgh, EH3 5QX  
**0131 657 5967** **0131 552 9138**

## Missing People

Community Volunteers are based all across the country, raising awareness and building support in their local communities. They raise awareness of, and help to find, the 250,000 people who go missing every year.

**Contact: 020 8392 4524**

## Move On – Wood Recycling Project [www.moveon.org.uk](http://www.moveon.org.uk)

Volunteers are invited to help with all aspects of the wood recycling project. This can range from wood collections from building sites to making furniture and promoting what we do online.

**Contact: 0131 558 3740** [wood@moveon.org.uk](mailto:wood@moveon.org.uk)

## Newhaven Woodcraft Folk <https://woodcraft.org.uk>

Help to plan and deliver activities for kids aged 6-16 which get them engaged in society and the world around them.

**Contact:** Trinity Academy, Craighall Avenue EH6 4RT [scotland@woodcraft.org.uk](mailto:scotland@woodcraft.org.uk)

## North Edinburgh Arts Centre [www.northedinburgharts.co.uk/](http://www.northedinburgharts.co.uk/)

As a Café Assistant in our Pop-In Café, you'll ensure the kitchen and café area is kept clean and tidy and it will include but is not limited to clearing plates, washing dishes and general back of house duties. Basic food preparation may be required at times.

**Contact:** North Edinburgh Arts, 15a Pennywell Court, EH4 4TZ **0131 315 2151**  
[volunteer\\_coordinator@northedinburgharts.co.uk](mailto:volunteer_coordinator@northedinburgharts.co.uk)

## North Merchiston Club [www.northmerchiston.co.uk/](http://www.northmerchiston.co.uk/)

Help with the planning/organisation of our Club's fundraising events, drawing on your networks & being part of an enthusiastic team you'll help make them happen. Promotion, advertising, finding opportunities for stalls & promotional activities and liaising with conference speakers/stall holders/ events teams

**Contact: 0131 622 1757** [info@northmerchiston.co.uk](mailto:info@northmerchiston.co.uk)

## **The Open Door Edinburgh** [www.theopendoor-morningside.org.uk](http://www.theopendoor-morningside.org.uk)

Our volunteers help make members feel welcome, chatting to them, supporting them to take part, providing hands on assistance where necessary, serving hot drinks/meals to & helping with clearing & washing up too! And possibly use your interests & talents to design/lead activities.

**Contact:** The Open Door, 420 Morningside Road, EH10 5HY **0131 447 9757**  
[info@theopendoor-morningside.org.uk](mailto:info@theopendoor-morningside.org.uk)

## **Oxgangs Care** [www.oxgangs-care.weebly.com/](http://www.oxgangs-care.weebly.com/)

Sometimes people find themselves isolated because of illness and disability: if you feel you could brighten up someone's day with a chat over tea/ coffee then you're the sort of person we'd love to hear from.

**Contact:** 0131 445 3332 [admin@oxgangscare.org](mailto:admin@oxgangscare.org)

## **Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre** [www.oxgangsneighbourhoodcentre.org.uk/](http://www.oxgangsneighbourhoodcentre.org.uk/)

Help organise a new outdoor seating area, design our garden, make a nice area for people in our community to sit in whilst visiting the Centre. We'd also like to hear from you if you're keen to keep our garden tidy on a regular basis.

**Contact:** 71 Firrhill Drive EH13 9HH **0131 466 0678** [oxgangsneighbourhoodcentre@gmail.com](mailto:oxgangsneighbourhoodcentre@gmail.com)

## **Pilton Equalities Project** [www.pepequalities.co.uk/](http://www.pepequalities.co.uk/)

Our Project aims to enhance the quality of life for older people in our area by developing services that reduce isolation and help elderly & other vulnerable & isolated adults to participate in community life.

**Contact:** Volunteer Coordinator PEP Centre, 3 W Pilton Park EH4 4EL **0131 315 4466**  
[pepequalities@btconnect.com](mailto:pepequalities@btconnect.com)

## **Place2be** [www.place2be.org.uk](http://www.place2be.org.uk)

As a volunteer counsellor you will work one to one in a therapeutic capacity with up to 3 children per week. The commitment is one day per week, for three school terms 8.30am-4.30pm to include therapy sessions & supervision of clinical work.

**Contact:** 0207 923 5533, [volunteers@place2be.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@place2be.org.uk)

## **Poppyscotland (Edinburgh)** [www.poppyscotland.org.uk](http://www.poppyscotland.org.uk)

Assist us raise vital funds supporting our life changing work & join a group creating & running events to raise money.

**Contact:** 0131 550 1597 [volunteer@poppyscotland.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@poppyscotland.org.uk)

## **Prestonfield and District Neighbourhood Workers Project**

[www.southedinburgh.net/pnp](http://www.southedinburgh.net/pnp)

Our Project operates day services for older people Mon-Fri providing meals/social activities in our purpose built Centre. Volunteers assist with setting up for lunch, clearing up & supporting attendees to participate in the activities on offer.

**Contact:** 63 Prestonfield Ave EH16 5EX **0131 620 7222** [prestonfieldnp@southedinburgh.net](mailto:prestonfieldnp@southedinburgh.net)

## **Redpath Albion A.F.C**

Help coach/manage one of our youth teams in the SYFA leagues: U9's, U11's, U13's, U15's & Amateurs. All we ask is you have some football knowledge, lots enthusiasm and be fully committed.

**Contact:** 7-A sides at Pilrig Park School, 11-a-sides at Leith Academy/younger kids at The Pilmeny Youth Centre, 44 Buchanan Street, EH6 8RF **07533 952 574** [redpathalbion@gmail.com](mailto:redpathalbion@gmail.com)

## **RESULTS UK** [www.results.org.uk](http://www.results.org.uk)

RESULTS works to generate the public and political will necessary to bring an end to hunger and poverty. At the heart of RESULTS is a network of volunteers who work together in local groups to become effective advocates for change.

**Contact:** 0207793 3970 [join@results.org.uk](mailto:join@results.org.uk)

## **Re-Union Canal Boats** [www.re-union.org.uk](http://www.re-union.org.uk)

Learn boating skills, discover our canals, their history & wildlife/plants, learn walk leader skills & earn a John Muir Award too! Share healthy eating tips, try new ways of approaching health & wellbeing & benefit from our community green/blue spaces.

**Contact:** 0131 261 8529 [info@re-union.org.uk](mailto:info@re-union.org.uk)

## **Royal National Institute of the Blind (Edinburgh and the Lothians)**

[www.rnib.org.uk/scotland](http://www.rnib.org.uk/scotland)

RNIB provides a service to blind and partially sighted people in Edinburgh and the Lothians including rehabilitation services, social work, and volunteer supported activities.

**Contact:** 12-14 Hillside Crescent, Edinburgh EH7 5EA **0131 652 3140** [rniblothian@rnib.org.uk](mailto:rniblothian@rnib.org.uk)

## **St. Columba's Shops Limited** [www.stcolumbashospice.org.uk](http://www.stcolumbashospice.org.uk)

If you love working with people, and love a bargain, why not join our team of volunteers sorting, preparing, displaying and selling goods, to benefit our Hospice. Opportunities at Morningside, Leith Walk & Stockbridge

**Contact:** 0131 555 0625 [stcolumbas\\_sm@btconnect.com](mailto:stcolumbas_sm@btconnect.com)

## **Save the Children** [www.savethechildren.org.uk/how-you-can-help/volunteer](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/how-you-can-help/volunteer)

We have hundreds of fundraising groups around the country organising thousands of events and collections every year so we're always looking for people who can help on an ad hoc basis.

**Contact: 0131 527 8200**

## **Score Scotland** [www.scorescotland.org.uk/vacancies/volunteering/](http://www.scorescotland.org.uk/vacancies/volunteering/)

Volunteering with us is a great way to learn, share skills & meet new people. We need new people to join in & be an integral part of SCOREscotland. You don't need any particular skills or experience, although willingness to learn, enthusiasm & ability to work with people from black and minority ethnic communities in a non-judgmental way is helpful. We offer lots of support & openings for volunteer development.

**Contact: 0131 442 2341** [info@scorescotland.org.uk](mailto:info@scorescotland.org.uk)

## **Scottish Seniors Computer Clubs - Edinburgh** <http://sscc-scotland.wixsite.com/seniorscomputerclubs>

Volunteer IT tutors are required to help tutor computing to our over 60s at our Craigmillar club. All helping find this a very rewarding opportunity with great feedback given. Detailed technical knowledge is not a requirement, but a desire to help older people who are new to the digital/internet world is necessary.

**Contact:** Craigmillar library, 101 Niddrie Mains Road, EH16 4DS. **07714706307**

## **Stroke Association** [www.stroke.org.uk/](http://www.stroke.org.uk/)

Our mission is to prevent strokes and reduce their effect through providing services, campaigning, education and research. Services include information, advice & support and carer support services.

**Contact: 0131 555 7244** [scotland@stroke.org.uk](mailto:scotland@stroke.org.uk)

## **Team Volunteering** [www.volunteeredinburgh.org.uk](http://www.volunteeredinburgh.org.uk)

You don't have to volunteer as an individual you can also do it as youth team. Why not get your friends or your school class together and all get involved! The Volunteer Centre Edinburgh has contact with organisations offering team volunteering opportunities.

**Contact:** Volunteer Centre Edinburgh, 222 Leith Walk, EH6 5EQ **0131 225 0630**  
[hello@volunteeredinburgh.org.uk](mailto:hello@volunteeredinburgh.org.uk)



## **Water of Leith Conservation Trust** [www.waterofleith.org.uk](http://www.waterofleith.org.uk)

Clean and tidy up a section of the river and/or riverside to help keep Edinburgh's river a pleasure to visit and a safe haven for wildlife. Essential tools, gloves and advice will be provided, and the disposal of rubbish arranged.

**Contact:** 0131 455 7367 [admin@waterofleith.org.uk](mailto:admin@waterofleith.org.uk)

## **The Yard** [www.theyardscotland.org.uk](http://www.theyardscotland.org.uk)

Always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help raise funds & awareness of The Yard by placing and managing collecting cans, helping out at street collections, bag packs & representing them to the public. As you will be representing The Yard you must adhere to their policies and core values.

**Contact:** Anna Robinson on 0131 476 4506 [info@theyardscotland.org.uk](mailto:info@theyardscotland.org.uk)

## **Minimum age: 17 years**

## **Cyrenians** <https://cyrenians.scot/volunteer/volunteering-types/>

Supporting people excluded from family, home, work or community on their life journey. For a quick overview of the current volunteer opportunities available with Cyrenians go to the above link. If you're interested in any of these roles, and would like to register as a potential volunteer, please complete the **Volunteer Sign-up form**.

**Contact:** 0131 475 2354 [volunteer@cyrenians.scot](mailto:volunteer@cyrenians.scot)

## **Edinburgh Headway Group** <http://www.edinburghheadway.org.uk/contact.php>

Enthusiastic volunteers with a genuine interest in helping our brain-injured adults get involved in a range of therapeutic activities?

**Contact:** 0131 537 9116 [volunteering@edinburghheadway.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@edinburghheadway.org.uk)

## **Vintage Vibes** [www.vintagevibes.org.uk/](http://www.vintagevibes.org.uk/)

Friendly volunteers always needed to help provide friendship and support to our over-60s (known as VIPs) in Edinburgh who feel isolated and lonely. We match our volunteers to people with shared interests, thus offering our VIPs the chance to be more socially connected.

**Contact:** [hello@vintagevibes.org.uk](mailto:hello@vintagevibes.org.uk)