



How can your Local Volunteer Centre Support you?

Volunteer Centres help individuals find meaningful volunteer opportunities within the local community and work to build the capacity of community and voluntary organisations to involve volunteers effectively. They provide a high quality volunteer placement service in a friendly and professional manner, offering professional support, advice and training to volunteer-involving organisations.

Information for Volunteers

Local Volunteer Centres provide individuals with information on a wide range of volunteer opportunities, together with advice and support on volunteering in general. Of great benefit to the volunteer is the opportunity to see the wide range of volunteer opportunities that exist both locally and nationally, before making a commitment.

Advice to Organisations

Volunteer Centres offer professional support, advice and consultancy to not-for-profit organisations on every aspect of involving volunteers.

Developing Volunteer Roles

Volunteer Centres provide assistance to organisations in identifying and developing new volunteer roles or volunteering programmes.

Advertising Volunteer Opportunities

For organisations seeking to recruit volunteers, the local Volunteer Centre can advertise opportunities within the centre, on its website and on www.volunteer.ie

Volunteer Referrals

Volunteer Centres refer potential volunteers to your organisation once they have established an individual's interest in the role you are offering. Whilst Volunteer Centres do not interview, screen or select volunteers for your organisation, they will provide professional advice to you on these matters upon request.

Volunteer Management

Volunteer Centre staff are trained to provide Volunteer Centres Ireland's national volunteer management training programme. The course is designed to ensure both the volunteer and the volunteer-involving organisation get the most out of the experience. Topics include: planning for volunteer involvement; developing volunteer roles; volunteer recruitment, selection, induction, support and supervision and policy development. Additional seminars and information sessions are also occasionally organised.

Garda Vetting

Volunteer Centres provide a Garda Vetting service to not-for-profit organisations that do not have access to Garda Vetting by other means.

Volunteer Policy Development

Volunteer Centres offer support, advice and information on designing, reviewing and implementing an organisation's volunteer policy, processes and procedures.

The National Day of Volunteering

Volunteer Centres Ireland promote the National Day of Volunteering. The National Day of Volunteering is a unique initiative that promotes hands-on volunteer involvement. Local Volunteer Centres encourage organisations to create thousands of once-off volunteering opportunities that benefit them and the communities they serve, giving volunteers an immediate sense of achievement.

Corporate Social Responsibility

Where possible, local Volunteer Centres work to connect businesses interested in developing their Corporate Social Responsibility programmes through volunteering with local not-for-profit organisations in need of support.

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.” - Aesop

“Voluntary Activity is an essential sign of a society where people are concerned for each other.” - Government White Paper, 2000