

Volunteering Opportunities 10th December 2024

Dear Business Ambassador,

We hope that you are all keeping well as we approach the run up to Christmas.

We understand that this can be a particularly busy time for everyone, however we would really appreciate it if you could take a look at our events and see if you can offer some time in the New Year.

We have lots of opportunities, particularly with spaces at Mock Interview events, which are always very popular with our volunteers.

Please email us if you can volunteer:

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At EBP, **we are committed to building a diverse and inclusive community of volunteers** who reflect the wide range of backgrounds and experiences of the young people we support. We welcome volunteers from all walks of life, including people of all ages and cultures, those from global majority backgrounds, those from the LGBTQ+ community, those with disabilities, and neurodiverse individuals. We are keen to understand and meet individual support needs wherever we can. We want every young person to feel seen, heard, and represented, and believe that by bringing together volunteers with varied experiences, we can help prepare them for the future with confidence and support.

Your unique perspective will help make a real impact!

Thank you,

Julie Cageao and Jo Fulker
Business Engagement Specialists

Events coming up:

Reading

Long Lane Primary School, Reading

Guess My Job, Thursday 16th January, 14:00-15:00

Three more volunteers needed

We need Business Ambassadors from a cross-section of organisations to support this fun and interactive event. For this event, you will be interviewed by a small group of

students who will try to guess what you do for a living. After student questioning and guessing you will reveal your role and talk about your career path.

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Secondary School, Reading

Interview Prep, Wednesday 22nd January, 08:30–15:30

One more volunteer needed

Business Ambassadors are required to support EBP staff whilst they deliver this workshop by offering their own advice and expertise. Business Ambassadors do not have to prepare anything in advance and materials can be sent prior for your perusal before the day.

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Secondary School, Reading

Mock Interviews, Wednesday 29th January, 10:00-15:00

Six more volunteers needed

We need several Business Ambassadors, from a cross-section of organisations to support our mock interviews. For this event, you will be interviewing Year 12 students and sharing your expertise with them. These interviews give students the opportunity to put new skills into practise with business professionals, in a supportive and familiar environment.

Little Heath School, Tilehurst, Reading

Champions of Enterprise, 4th February 2024, 09:00-13:30

Five more volunteers needed

Champions of Enterprise is aimed at inspiring and developing enterprise skills among students. Through this programme, students will engage in a real-world challenge set by Sulham Estate/BioCap that helps them learn essential business and entrepreneurial skills like problem-solving, teamwork, innovation, and leadership. Champions of Enterprise encourages students to think creatively, build confidence, and gain a better understanding of potential career paths in business, green careers, and entrepreneurship. 10 Business Ambassadors are needed to support students through the session activities and to judge presentations.

The Willink, Burghfield Common, Reading

Mock Interviews, Tuesday 11th February, 08:15 – 12:00

Two more volunteers needed

We need several Business Ambassadors, from a cross-section of organisations to support our mock interviews. For this event, you will be interviewing Year 11 students and sharing your expertise with them. These interviews give students the opportunity to put new skills into practise with business professionals, in a supportive and familiar environment.

Maiden Erlegh School, Earley

Mock Interviews, Tuesday 25th February, 08:30–15:30

Fifteen more volunteers needed

We need several Business Ambassadors, from a cross-section of organisations to support our mock interviews. For this event, you will be interviewing Year 11 students and sharing your expertise with them. These interviews give students the opportunity to put new skills into practise with business professionals, in a supportive and familiar environment.

Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre, Caversham, Reading

CV Writing, Thursday 6th March, 08:30–15:30

One more volunteer needed

Business Ambassadors are required to support EBP staff whilst they deliver this workshop by offering their own advice and expertise. Business Ambassadors do not have to prepare anything in advance and materials can be sent prior for your perusal before the day.

Tadley / Tilehurst

The Hurst School, Tadley

Mock Interviews, Tuesday 21st January, 08:30-15:30

Nine more volunteers needed

We need several Business Ambassadors, from a cross-section of organisations to support our mock interviews. For this event, you will be interviewing Year 11 students and sharing your expertise with them. These interviews give students the opportunity to put new skills into practise with business professionals, in a supportive and familiar environment.

Swindon / Wiltshire

The Deanery CE Academy, Swindon

Pick and Mix Career Day, Friday 10th January, 08:30-14:30

(CV Writing, Interview Prep, Financial Awareness, Cost of Living, All About Me)

We need 4 more Business Ambassadors, from a cross-section of organisations to support these year 11 pupils and sharing their knowledge and expertise.

St Joseph's Catholic College, Ocotol Way, Swindon

Spotlight on Careers Day, Monday 23rd June, 08:30-15:30

We invite businesses, from a variety of sectors, to attend a day in a secondary school/college and reach 150 students, via hour long sessions with groups of 30.

Does your business offer apprenticeships and non-academic routes into your organisation? Businesses are asked to provide an interactive hands-on challenge, to engage young minds and showcase the careers available within your organisation.

The EBP team can help you shape the content.

Each Spotlight event gives students the opportunity to spend time gaining an insight into a range of businesses and the career paths within them. Taking part in our Spotlight on Careers workshops helps your business to attract applicants, address skill gaps and gain invaluable input from young people.

Wokingham / Bracknell

The Bulmershe School, Wokingham

Guess My Job, Tuesday 28th January, 08:30 – 15:30

One more volunteer needed

We need several Business Ambassadors, from a cross-section of organisations to support this fun and interactive event. For this event, you will be interviewed by a small group of students who will try to guess what you do for a living. After student questioning and guessing you will reveal your role and talk about your career path.

The Bulmershe School, Wokingham

Interview Prep, Tuesday 28th January, 08:30 – 15:30

One more volunteer needed

Business Ambassadors are required to support EBP staff whilst they deliver this workshop by offering their own advice and expertise. Business Ambassadors do not have to prepare anything in advance and materials can be sent prior for your perusal before the day.

The Bulmershe School, Wokingham

Mock Interviews, Friday 31st January, 08:30 – 15:30

Five more volunteers needed

We need several Business Ambassadors, from a cross-section of organisations to support our mock interviews. For this event, you will be interviewing Year 10 students and sharing your expertise with them. These interviews give students the opportunity to put new skills into practise with business professionals, in a supportive and familiar environment.

Kings Academy, Binfield

Spotlight on Careers, Monday 10th February, 08:30-15:30

We invite businesses, from a variety of sectors, to attend a day in a secondary school/college and reach 200+ students.

Does your business offer apprenticeships and non-academic routes into your organisation? Businesses are asked to provide an interactive hands-on challenge, to engage young minds and showcase the careers available within your organisation.

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High Close School SEN Primary and Secondary, Wokingham

Guess My Job, Thursday 13th February, 09:00-11:45

Mock Interviews & Scrap Challenge, Thursday 13th February, 11:45-14:45

We would love to hear from vocational companies based in the local area who could send some volunteers to help us with a lovely project at High Close School.

In the first half of the day, we will be running Guess My Job with Years 8 & 9. This is a fun and interactive event where you will be interviewed by a small group of students who will try to guess what you do for a living. After student questioning and guessing you will reveal your role and talk about your career journey.

In the afternoon we will support Year 10 & 11 students with their Mock Interviews. For this event, you will be interviewing the students and sharing your expertise with them. These interviews give students the opportunity to put new skills into practice with business professionals, in a supportive and familiar environment. Our aim is to give them a positive experience and leave them feeling positive and optimistic about their future.

Experience of young people with Special Educational Needs is useful but not essential as a full briefing will be given. Ideally, all 7 volunteers will support in both halves of the day to understand the school, but 2 x half-day shifts will be accommodated.

Newbury / Thatcham

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Newbury

People Like Me, Monday 20th January, 09:45-10:45

Two more volunteers needed

In this workshop, students complete a questionnaire which uses their skills and strengths to form a profile of themselves. This profile is then used to identify/suggest the roles/areas within STEM careers that the student would be best suited to. Business Ambassadors from STEM related organisations are needed to complete the questionnaire and share their experience with the students.

The Willows Primary School, Newbury

Guess My Job, Thursday 27th February, 13:10-15:10

Four more volunteers needed

We need several Business Ambassadors, from STEM related organisations, to support this fun and interactive event. For this event, you will be interviewed by a small group of students who will try to guess what you do for a living. After student questioning and guessing you will reveal your role and talk about your career path.

Other news:

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Did you know that you can support EBP every time you shop online?

We're excited to announce that we've registered with easyfundraising, a fantastic online platform that enables you to raise free donations with every purchase you make.

With over 8000 participating retailers, ranging from your weekly food shop at Tesco, booking a holiday with Booking.com, Friday night takeaway with JUSTEAT, and even taking out insurance on Compare the Market, there's something for everyone!

Ready to make a difference? It only takes a few minutes to sign up. Join us here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/education-business-partnership-af04fd59daff4e6084ca3159/>

Thanks for your support!

Work Experience

Could your office-based business offer some unpaid work experience? We have students looking for office/IT-related placements.

When?

12-16 May 2025: Blessed Hugh Faringdon School, Reading, Year 10

16-20 June 2025: Maiden Erlegh School, Reading, Year 10

23-27 June 2025: Maiden Erlegh School, Earley, Year 10

30 June-4 July 2025: Maiden Erlegh School, Earley, Year 10

14-18 July 2025: The Clere School, Burghclere, Year 10

If you have hybrid working arrangements in place, even a couple of days per week is appreciated. Thank you.

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