

Volunteering Opportunities 11th March 2025

Dear Business Ambassador,

We have had a fantastic response to our requests for volunteers over the last couple of months which has helped us through a very busy period. Thanks so much to everyone involved – we are so grateful for your support!

As always, we have some more great volunteering opportunities coming up. Thanks in advance for any help that you can offer.

Please email us if you can volunteer:

events@ebp.org.uk or juliec@ebp.org.uk or joannef@ebp.org.uk

Lastly, don't forget to follow us on our social media platforms to see photos and info about our events. We do tag individuals and companies in our posts where we can so that your followers can see the great work that you are involved in.

Links are at the bottom of this newsletter. We are also on Bluesky:

[@ebpcharity.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/ebpcharity.bsky.social)

Thank you,

Julie Cageao and Jo Fulker, Business Engagement Specialists

Events coming up:



Cultivate is a project funded by Zebra Technologies and open to anyone in Years 7 to 13.

The project aims to help young people to develop the skills and experience needed in a business start-up. The Cultivate program starts in late March 2025 with launch workshops, concluding with a Grand Final at the ZEC (Zebra Experience Center) on Thursday 3rd of July 2025, where finalists present to a VIP Zebra judging panel.

We need your passion and expertise to make this initiative a success!

As a volunteer, we need you to lead mentoring sessions where you can share insights on business planning techniques, presentation skills, and personal business experiences.

This can be done in person or via Teams. Mentoring will run from April to June and can be as little or as much as the students need.

If you would like to participate in this fantastic volunteering opportunity, please email

victoriah@ebp.org.uk

Reading

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School, Reading

Champions of Enterprise, Thursday 3rd April, 09:30-13:30

Four volunteers needed

This event aims to give students a better understanding of teamwork and presentation confidence. Business Ambassadors are required to support students throughout the workshop, helping them with their decision making and problem solving. The students will be asked to present their solution to a business problem, and you will be asked to judge the student presentations.

John Madejski Academy, Reading

Champions of Enterprise, Thursday 10th July, 08:30-15:10

Seven volunteers needed

This event aims to give Year 10 students a better understanding of teamwork and presentation confidence. Business Ambassadors are required to support students throughout the workshop, helping them with their decision making and problem solving. The students will be asked to present their solution to a business problem, and you will be asked to judge the student presentations.

Tadley / Tilehurst

Little Heath School, Tilehurst

Mock Interviews, Friday 27th June, 08:30-13:20

22 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.

Little Heath School, Tilehurst

Guess My Job, Wednesday 2nd July, 08:30-15:30

8 volunteers needed

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.

For this event we are seeking volunteers from Green, Environmental or Sustainability related careers. Thank you.

Swindon / Wiltshire

Lydiard Park Academy, Swindon

Guess My Job, Friday 25th April, 08:30–15:30

Eight volunteers needed

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.

For this event we are seeking volunteers from STEM related careers. Thank you.

Melksham Oak Community School, Wiltshire

Cultivate Launch workshop, Monday 31st March, 08:30-10:30

1 volunteer needed

Cultivate is a project funded by Zebra Technologies and open to anyone in Year 7 up to Year 13. Cultivate helps young people to develop skills and experience in early business start-up. This workshop explores initial business planning including SWOT analysis and the 7 P's of marketing. As the Business Volunteer you would be able to discuss business 'start up' and the factors that go into creating a successful product/service.

St Joseph's Catholic College, Swindon

Get Shirty, Thursday 5th June, 08:30-15:30

Ten volunteers needed

Get Shirty is a fun and creative enterprise challenge. Year 8 students will spend the day with business volunteers, developing ideas and producing a comprehensive business plan for an independent t-shirt manufacturing company. They will need to consider all business and marketing aspects including completing a SWOT analysis before commencing on the design and making of the physical t-shirt which should be themed around World Environment Day. Business ambassadors will support and guide and then help decide the winners at the end of the day.

Red Oaks Primary School, Swindon

Take Cover: Stixx, Thursday 12th June, 09:15-11:30

Two volunteers needed

Take Cover is an interactive workshop designed to help engage students with the practical application of engineering and sustainability. Students are introduced to the concept of civil engineering and hear from business ambassadors who talk about the industry. They also improve their problem solving, team working, creative thinking and time management skills while participating in this activity.

Students then take part in a practical engineering challenge where they work in teams and use Stixx rods to create a structure that the team can fit into.

St Joseph's Catholic College, Ocotal Way, Swindon

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

Seven more volunteers needed

Does your business offer apprenticeships and non-academic routes into your organisation? 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.

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

None at present.

Newbury / Thatcham / Hungerford

Mary Hare Primary School, Newbury

Primary Science Challenge, Wednesday 2nd April, 11:00-12:30

Two volunteers needed

The Primary Science Challenge is an interactive workshop which engages students in 'practical' applications of science. Pupils in years 3-6 will be invited to take part in a fun, interactive workshop themed around ending plastic pollution globally. Students will be guided by EBP staff and volunteers to complete real science experiments and activities to gain first-hand knowledge of practical science. A full briefing will be given in advance.

John O'Gaunt School, Hungerford

Careers Day, Wednesday 7th May, 10:00-13:30

Three volunteers needed

Students will spend the morning rotating around 3 x 1 hour workshops which students giving them a snapshot of what is expected of them in the working world. The workshops are: Health & Safety in the workplace, Employer Expectations and Interview Techniques. All content is written and delivered by EBP staff but it will be great if business ambassadors have some knowledge on the subjects. If not then they will be called upon for their opinions and to reinforce what the workshop leaders are teaching the students.

John O’Gaunt School, Hungerford

Guess My Job, Thursday 8th May, 9:00-11:30

Eight volunteers needed

We are looking for a variety of industries and role for this 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.

St Bartholomew’s School Sixth Form, Newbury

Champions of Enterprise, Tuesday 8th July, 08:30-15:30

Three more volunteers needed

This event aims to give Year 12 students a better understanding of teamwork and presentation confidence. Business Ambassadors are required to support students throughout the workshop, helping them with their decision making and problem solving. The students will be asked to present their solution to a business problem, and you will be asked to judge the student presentations.

Can you help?

We are looking for organisations to support our Junior Citizen workshops

Junior Citizen is an event for Year 5/6 children to teach them about world safety, help with transitioning into year 7, becoming more independent and generally learning how to be a good citizen.



Students will face several life scenarios that they could face at home or in the community including - cyber safety, water safety, stranger danger, diet, fitness issues, etc.

Previous supporters have included Traffic & Road Safety Team, Scottish and Southern Electricity, Farming and Country Education, Veolia, GIST, Environmental Services and Thames Valley Police.



Thatcham Catholic Hall, RG18 3AG
Monday 30th June 2025
Arrival time 8:30am
Two sessions (9:30-11:30 and 12:30-2:30)
with 60 children in each session

If you can help, please contact:
LaurenS@ebp.org.uk 01635 279204

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!

Other news:

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



Easyfundraising is 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. Download the reminder tool and each time you open the website of a participating retailer, you will be asked if you wish to donate and then you can shop as normal.

Join us here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/education-business-partnership-af04fd59daff4e6084ca3159/>

Your business can be part of two incredible careers fairs!

Two exceptional opportunities for local businesses and pathway providers to connect with fresh talent, ignite inspiration in the future workforce, and spotlight the advantages of being part of your organisation.

Destinations Expo - Thursday 9th October 2025 – Newbury College

DESTINATIONS EXPO

WEST BERKSHIRE'S LARGEST
INTERACTIVE CAREERS FAIR

Join us at our annual interactive careers fair dedicated to Year 11-13 students from West Berkshire and North Hampshire. The largest event of its kind in the area!

"This event is now the start of Xtrac's apprenticeship recruitment as we get so many positive enquiries that turn into employment. The timing of this is perfect."

Find out more and book your space today!

<https://educationbusinesspartnership.co.uk/destinations-expo-2025>

STEAM Destinations Expo - Mon 17th & Tue 18th Nov 2025 – Reading Town Hall

Be part of the inaugural Destinations Reading Expo! Impact up to 800 young people at a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) focused event on Day 1 and job seekers on Day 2.

Find out more and book your space today!

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