



Volunteer Newsletter

10th February 2026

Dear Volunteer Business Ambassador,

Don't miss these great opportunities to inspire and support young people!

These rewarding volunteering opportunities help to prepare young people for the world of work. We would not be able to achieve what we do without your invaluable expertise and experience.

If you would like to be involved, please send an email to events@ebp.org.uk noting the name, date and venue of the event.

Please do not reply to this email which will take you to our "no-replies" inbox.

You will receive full details prior to all events and a further briefing when you arrive at the school.

We are always looking for new volunteers, so if you have colleagues, friends or family members who you think might also enjoy participating in our events, please forward this newsletter to them.

Volunteers DO NOT require a DBS check and don't need to be from any particular sector of the workforce. Retired individuals are very welcome.

Thank you and best wishes,
Julie Cageao and Paul Rose, Business Engagement Specialists

Events coming up:

Reading / Tilehurst

Reading Girls School

Spotlight on Careers, Tuesday 3rd March, 08:30-15:15, Year 8

1 organisation space left

Showcase Your Industry – Inspire Future Talent

Does your business offer apprenticeships or alternative routes into employment? Join our *Spotlight on Careers* programme and connect directly with students through a dynamic, full-day, in-school event.

As a Business Ambassador, you'll deliver a 1-hour interactive workshop (repeated throughout the day) to small groups of students. Your session should include a hands-on activity or challenge that highlights your industry and the career paths available.

Why take part?

- ✓ Attract future talent
- ✓ Raise awareness of career opportunities
- ✓ Help close skill gaps
- ✓ Gain insights from young people

We'll support you with planning, ideas, and guidance from our experienced team. Workshop format might include:

- Quick intro to your business;
- Engaging activity or game;
- Real job role insights;
- Q&A – students are curious and eager to learn!

The Wren School, Reading

CV Writing, Friday 6th March, 08:30-15:00, Year 12

1 volunteer space

The purpose of this workshop is to support students to feel confident about entering the world of work and the initial process to finding employment. A vital first step to this is how to showcase their skills, interests and experience by creating a dynamic CV. Students will also look at how to write a personal statement and learning its purpose and significance. Business Ambassadors support our staff, whilst they deliver the workshop, by offering their advice and expertise. Business Ambassadors do not have to prepare anything in advance.

The Wren School, Reading

Interview Preparation, Friday 13th March, 08:30–15:00, Year 12

2 volunteer spaces

Business Ambassadors support EBP staff whilst they deliver this workshop by offering their own advice and expertise about what they need to do to prepare for a job interview. You will not be expected to deliver any content but be available to share insights, experiences and advice about interviews.

Little Heath School, Reading

Mock Interviews, Tuesday 17th March, 08:30–13:20, Year 10

15 volunteer spaces

Business volunteers from a cross-section of organisations help facilitate mock interviews sessions and share their expertise. Practice interviews give students the chance to gain confidence and put new skills into practice with business professionals in a supportive and familiar environment. Each student will have about 15 minutes for the interview and then 5 minutes for your feedback.

Little Heath School, Reading

Champions of Enterprise, Wednesday 18th March, 09:00–13:30, Year 8

12 volunteer spaces

This event aims to give students a better understanding of teamwork and presentation confidence. Business Ambassadors 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.

Little Heath School, Reading

Guess My Job, Friday 20th March, 08:30–15:30, Year 7

8 volunteer spaces

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.

Little Heath School, Reading

AI Debate, Monday 8th June, 08:30–15:00, Year 9

2 volunteer spaces

This workshop aims to engage students in critical discussions about the ethical aspects of artificial intelligence. The workshop enhances their understanding of the complexities and implications of AI technologies. Ideally volunteers will have a career in AI or have a working knowledge of AI and how it impacts on peoples' everyday lives and the careers of the future.

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School, Reading

Guess My Job, Tuesday 9th June, 08:30–15:00

8 volunteer spaces

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.

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School, Reading

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Leighton Park School, Reading

Get Shirty, Monday 22nd June, 08:30–16:15, Year 9

6 volunteer spaces

Students will spend the day with business volunteers, developing ideas and producing a comprehensive business plan for an independent t-shirt manufacturing company. The students will produce a detailed portfolio which contains all of their design ideas, packing requirements, promotional material and financial plans as well as design and create a team t-shirt. Students will be guided by EBP staff and volunteers. A full



briefing will be given in advance. No prior preparation is required. **Whatever your specialism (mentoring, strategy, finance, marketing, design, etc), you will be well-placed to support these young people.**

Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre, Reading

People Like Me, Wednesday 24th June, 08:30-15:00, Year 9

2 volunteer spaces

To help students to identify their skills and strengths and careers best suited to them. 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 complete the questionnaire and share their experience with the students.

The Wren School, Reading

Champions of Enterprise, Tuesday 30th June, 09:30-15:00, Year 8

10 volunteer spaces

This event aims to give students a better understanding of teamwork and presentation confidence. Business Ambassadors 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.

The Wren School, Reading

Guess My Job, Thursday 2nd July, 09:30-13:30, Year 7

8 volunteer spaces

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.

Kidmore End Church of England Primary School, Reading

Guess My Job, Tuesday 7th July, 08:30–10:30, Year 3–6

5 volunteer spaces (from STEM related sectors)

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Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School, Reading

Guess My Job, Wednesday 8th July, 08:30–14:00, Year 7

1 volunteer space

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Newbury / Thatcham / Hungerford

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Francis Baily Primary School, Thatcham

Wednesday 25th February, 09:00–11:00, Year 4

2 volunteer spaces

Falkland Primary School, Newbury

Thursday 26th February, 09:30–12:00, Year 4

5 volunteer spaces

***Please note:** These events are sponsored by an organisation who hope to provide the necessary volunteers. However, we are looking for volunteers who would be happy to be put on a reserve list in case the sponsor can't provide the required numbers. Thank you.

St Bartholomew's School, Newbury

People Like Me, Monday 16th March, 08:30-15:30, Year 8

1 volunteer space

To help students to identify their skills and strengths and careers best suited to them. 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 careers that the student would be best suited to. The volunteer would complete the questionnaire and share their experience with the students.

Swindon / Wiltshire

The Corsham School, Corsham

Scrap Challenge, Thursday 16th April, 08:45-14:00, Year 7

5 volunteer spaces

Students will work in a team and put their imagination and engineering skills to the test with Cardboard City! Today's cities are highly varied throughout the world, ideally to best suit the needs of their residents. Each has different services, layouts, features and styles. A cardboard city of their own design can become anything they desire. A winning product/service will be chosen from all the teams. Business Ambassadors will assist the students in the design and build of their creation, so no prior preparation is required.

Baydon St Nicholas CE Primary School, Baydon

Scrap Challenge, Tuesday 21st April, 09:00-12:00, Year 3/4/5/6

2 volunteer spaces (engineering sector would be great, but not essential)

Students will work in a team and put their imagination and engineering skills to the test with Cardboard City! Today's cities are highly varied throughout the world, ideally to best suit the needs of their residents. Each has different services, layouts, features and styles. A cardboard city of their own design can become anything they desire. A winning product/service will be chosen from all the teams. Business Ambassadors will assist the students in the design and build of their creation, so no prior preparation is required.

The Corsham School, Corsham

Guess My Job, Wednesday 6th May, 08:45–14:30, Year 8

8 volunteer spaces

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.

The Corsham School, Corsham

Mock Interviews, Thursday 25th June, 08:45–13:00, Year 10

17 volunteer spaces

Business volunteers from a cross-section of organisations are required to help facilitate mock interviews sessions and share their expertise. Practice interviews give students the chance to gain confidence and put new skills into practice with business professionals in a supportive and familiar environment. Each student will have about 15 minutes for the interview and then 5 minutes for your feedback.

Oxfordshire**St Michael's CofE Primary School, Oxford**

Guess My Job, Tuesday 2nd June, 09:00–11:00, Years 5/6

4 volunteer spaces (from STEM related sectors)

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.

Woodstock Church of England Primary School, Woodstock

Introduction to Engineering, Thursday 11th June, 08:30–11:30, Years 5/6

1 volunteer space (engineering sector would be great, but not essential)

The aim of this workshop is to understand how engineers shape our world, by learning the different types of engineering that is available. You will help students with an interactive problem to solve. You will receive a full briefing prior to and on the day of the event.



Middle Barton Primary School, Chipping Norton

Introduction to Engineering, Wednesday 1st July, 09:00–10:00, Years 5/6

1 volunteer space (engineering sector would be great, but not essential)

The aim of this workshop is to understand how engineers shape our world, by learning the different types of engineering that is available. You will help students with an interactive problem to solve. You will receive a full briefing prior to and on the day of the event.

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:

DESTINATIONS EXPO

WEST BERKSHIRE'S LARGEST
INTERACTIVE CAREERS FAIR

We are delighted to announce the return of the largest careers fair in West Berkshire – **Destinations Expo 2026**. This fantastic event, now into its 4th year, will be held at Newbury College on **Thursday 8th October 2026**.

We are looking for businesses passionate about supporting and inspiring our future workforce to exhibit at the event

With over 1200 students in attendance alongside over 50 local, national and international businesses, this interactive and diverse careers fare is a unique opportunity to engage, enthuse and even source potential new talent, as well as networking and promoting your business.

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

"An inspiring motivational careers event that showcases the health sector and job roles in the NHS, well organised friendly team that helped the day go smoothly."

Sign up today and take advantage of our early bird offer!

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**WEST
BERKSHIRE
LOTTERY**
WINNING TOGETHER



**Talk about your volunteering
experience on social media
and tag us, to encourage
others to get involved!**

**There are so many ways that you
can support the work we do!**



**Looking to make a difference?
Join us as an Office Volunteer!**

Are you passionate about helping young people prepare for the world of work? We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to support our busy office team! Whether it's data entry, preparing resources, making calls to recruit business volunteers or connecting with schools – there's always something meaningful to do.

Got a specific skill or expertise you think could help EBP? We'd love to hear from you!

Flexible hours and a friendly team in our office at Shaw House, Newbury. Come be part of something that really matters.

Interested? Get in touch with us today! events@ebp.org.uk