



Volunteer Newsletter

9th April 2026

Dear Volunteer Business Ambassador,

*****We have lots of events happening in April and May in the Wiltshire area as well as plenty of other exciting options throughout the summer term*****

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

Little Heath School, Reading

AI Debate, Monday 8th June, 08:30-15:25, Year 9

1 volunteer space

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

4 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.

Leighton Park School, Reading

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

2 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

1 volunteer space

This event is designed 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. Volunteers from STEM related organisations are asked to complete the questionnaire in advance of the event and then share their questionnaire results and job experience with the students.

Bradfield College, Reading

Financial Awareness: Cost of Living, Thursday 25th June, 08:30-12:30, Year 12

2 volunteer spaces

This workshop aims to increase student's financial awareness and understanding about the cost of living. The workshop engages students and helps them realise that choices made now can make a real difference to their standard of living in adult life. Business Ambassadors are required to support EBP staff whilst they deliver this workshop by offering their own advice and expertise. This one-hour workshop will be delivered three times over the course of the morning. A full briefing will be given in advance. No prior preparation is required.

The Wren School, Reading

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

3 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

6 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

Financial Awareness: The Borrowing Battle

Monday 6th July, 08:30-11:00, Year 12

1 volunteer space

Aimed at students embarking on futures that require increased financial independence, we delve into the world of borrowing money.

In this workshop, we will look at a number of borrowing options aiming to support students as they move into the next stages of their lives. Volunteers will share their experiences with the students and provide ideas, tips and tricks to make sure students keep their finances on track.

Kidmore End Church of England Primary School, Reading

Guess My Job, Tuesday 7th July, 08:30-11:30, Year 3-6

1 volunteer space (STEM background helpful)

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

Guess My Job, Wednesday 8th July, 08:30-13:15, Year 7

1 volunteer space

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.

Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre, Reading

Champions of Enterprise, Wednesday 15th July, 08:30-15:05, Years 10 & 12

8 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.

Newbury / Thatcham / Hungerford

St Finian's Catholic Primary School, Thatcham

Guess My Job, Friday 1st May, 13:00-15:00, Year 5

2 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.

Whitelands Park Primary School, Thatcham

Guess My Job, Friday 8th May, 09:00-12:00, Year 4

3 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.

Thatcham Park CE Primary School, Thatcham

Guess My Job, Tuesday 19th May, 13:00-15:00, Year 6

4 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.

John O'Gaunt School, Hungerford

Guess My Job, Friday 5th June, 08:30-11:30, Year 10

7 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 school will be running in-house Mock Interviews with the students 11.30- 12.30. Please let us know if you can support the school).

Kingsclere Primary School, Kingsclere

Guess My Job, Wednesday 24th June, 09:30-11:45, Year 3-6

10 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.

St Bartholomew's School Sixth Form, Newbury

Champions of Enterprise, Friday 3rd July, 08:15-15:15, Year 12

7 volunteer spaces

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Kennet School, Thatcham

Mock Interviews, Friday 20th November, 08:30-15:30, Year 11

14 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.

Swindon / Wiltshire

Baydon St Nicholas CE Primary School, Baydon

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

1 volunteer space (STEM background helpful)

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 Minster CE Primary School, Warminster

Guess My Job, Friday 24th April, 09:15-10:15, Year 6

4 volunteer spaces (STEM background helpful)

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 Minster CE Primary School, Warminster

Introduction to Engineering, Friday 24th April, 10:45-11:45, Year 5

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.

Forest and Sandridge Church of England Primary School, Melksham

Take Cover: STIXX, Monday 18th May, 09:15-11:45, Year 6

1 volunteer space (STEM background helpful)

Students are introduced to the concept of civil engineering and hear from business ambassadors who talk about the industry. 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, improving their problem solving, team working, creative thinking and time management skills.

Forest and Sandridge Church of England Primary School, Melksham

Introduction to Engineering, Monday 18th May, 13:00-15:00, Year 5

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.

Bridlewood Primary School, Swindon

Guess My Job, Friday 22nd May, 09:30-11:45, Year 5/6

5 volunteer spaces (STEM background helpful)

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St Joseph's Catholic College, Swindon

Get Shirty, Friday 5th June, 08:30-15:10, Year 8

8 volunteer spaces

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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.**

The Deanery CE Academy, Swindon

Guess My Job, Thursday 18th June, 09:00-12:20, Year 9

1 volunteer space (STEM background helpful)

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The Corsham School, Corsham

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

5 volunteer spaces

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Castle Mead School, Trowbridge

Scrap Challenge, Thursday 9th July, 09:00-12:00, Year 5

2 volunteer spaces (STEM background helpful)

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.

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2 volunteer spaces (STEM background helpful)

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Great Western Academy, Swindon

Guess My Job, Thursday 9th July, 08:00–15:30, Year 6

2 volunteer spaces (STEM background helpful)

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 Deanery CE Academy, Swindon

Scrap Challenge, Thursday 15th October, 09:00–12:20, Year TBC

4 volunteer spaces (STEM background helpful)

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.

Oxfordshire

St Michael's CofE Primary School, Oxford

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

3 volunteer spaces (STEM background helpful)

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.

St John Fisher Catholic Primary School, Oxford

Scrap Challenge, Thursday 4th June, 13:00-15:00, Year 5/6

1 volunteer space (STEM background helpful)

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.

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 before 1st May 2026 to take advantage of our early bird offer of 20% off!

<https://wkf.ms/3PUraYr>

A small
donation
makes a big
difference 😊



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!**

