

## Volunteer Events Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

**Join in. Connect. Make an Impact.**

### **What's in this update?**

This monthly newsletter shows all volunteering opportunities for the rest of the academic year and beyond, helping you plan ahead.

We'll also occasionally send **The Shortlist** – a brief update highlighting upcoming events where volunteers are still needed. These are designed to be quick to read and easy to act on.

Our volunteering opportunities help prepare young people for the world of work – don't miss your chance to get involved!

### **How to sign up**

Email [events@ebp.org.uk](mailto:events@ebp.org.uk) with the **event name, date and venue**.

Please don't reply to this email, as it goes to a no-replies inbox.

You'll receive full event details in advance, plus a briefing on arrival at the school.

We're always keen to welcome new volunteers, so please feel free to forward this newsletter to colleagues, friends or family who may be interested.

- No DBS required
- Open to all sectors (including retired volunteers)
- Unfortunately, travel expenses can't be reimbursed due to funding restrictions

Thank you and best wishes,

**Julie Cageao and Paul Rose, Business Engagement Specialists**

## Reading / Tilehurst

### **New Christ Church CE Primary School, Reading**

Guess My Job, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 13:00–15:00, Year 5 & 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.

### **Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School, Reading**

Guess My Job, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 08:30–15:00

**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.

### **Leighton Park School, Reading**

Get Shirty, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.**



### **The Wren School, Reading**

Champions of Enterprise, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre, Reading**

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

**5 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.

### **Maiden Erlegh School, Earley**

Get Shirty, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 08.30 - 15.30, Year 7

**10 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.**

**Newbury / Thatcham / Hungerford / North Hampshire**

**Whitelands Park Primary School, Thatcham**

Guess My Job, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 09:00-12:00, Year 4

**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.

**Thatcham Park CE Primary School, Thatcham**

Guess My Job, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 13:00-15:00, Year 6

**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.

**St Martin's CE (Aided) Primary School**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Guess My Job, 09:30-10:40, Year 3 & 4

**5 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.

Introduction to Engineering, 11:00-12:00, Year 5 & 6

**2 volunteers needed to stay on for this workshop**

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.

**John O'Gaunt School, Hungerford**

Guess My Job, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 08:30-11:30, Year 10

**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. (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).

**St Mary Bourne Primary School, St Mary Bourne, Hampshire**

Guess My Job, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, Time TBC, Year 3-6

**5 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.

**Kingsclere Primary School, Kingsclere, Hampshire**

Guess My Job, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 08:15-15:15, Year 12

**6 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.

**Kennet School, Thatcham**

Mock Interviews, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 08:30–15:30, Year 11

7 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**

**Bridlewood Primary School, Swindon**

Guess My Job, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 09:30–11:45, Year 5/6

5 volunteer spaces (STEM background helpful)

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**

Introduction to Engineering, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 13:00–15:00, Year 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.



### **Tregoze Primary School, Swindon**

Guess My Job, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 10:30-12:30, Year 5 & 6

**4 volunteer spaces**

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.

### **St Joseph's Catholic College, Swindon**

Get Shirty, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 08:30-15:10, Year 8

**8 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.**

### **The Corsham School, Corsham**

Mock Interviews, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 08:45-13:00, Year 10

**2 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.

**Castle Mead School, Trowbridge**

Scrap Challenge, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Castle Mead School, Trowbridge**

Take Cover: STIXX, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 13:00–15:00, 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.

**Great Western Academy, Swindon**

Guess My Job, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 08:00–15:30, 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 Deanery CE Academy, Swindon**

Scrap Challenge, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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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!

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**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."*

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