

Volunteer Events Newsletter

3rd June 2026

Join in. Connect. Make an Impact.

What's in this update?

This monthly newsletter shows all our 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** 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

✿ **A big thank you to you all, this Volunteers' Week!** ✿

Volunteers' Week is the perfect moment to recognise you but for us, your impact is something we appreciate all year round.

You are at the heart of what we do. By sharing your journeys, knowledge, and enthusiasm, you empower young people to:

- ✦ Dream bigger about their future
- ✦ Grow in confidence
- ✦ Understand what the workplace really looks like

To everyone who volunteers their time to support our schools and young people—thank you. Your dedication is helping to open doors, broaden horizons, and inspire the next generation.

👏 We truly couldn't do it without you.

★ **Introducing EBP Volunteer Badges** ★



We're thrilled to launch something special for September 2026 – our brand new **EBP Volunteer Pin Badges**! These badges are our way of recognising the incredible commitment you've shown to supporting our events. Your contribution matters – and now it will be proudly celebrated with **bronze,**

silver, and gold badges based on the number of events you've supported. To kick things off, we'll be counting all the events you've attended over the past three academic years (2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26). Future events will continue to count, giving you the opportunity to **progress and upgrade your badge** as you go. We can't wait to present your badges and see you wearing them with pride at next year's events!

A special thank you goes to **SPACE Interior Systems (Aldermaston)**, whose generous sponsorship has made this initiative possible. SPACE provides specialist architectural fit out and construction services.

Reading / Tilehurst

Meadow Park Academy, Reading

Guess My Job, Monday 15th June, 09:00-14:00

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

3 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.**

Maiden Erlegh School, Reading

Champions of Enterprise, Thursday 25th June, 08:30-15:00, Year 10

11 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

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

2 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

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.

Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre, Reading

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

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.

Maiden Erlegh School, Earley

Get Shirty, Friday 17th July, 08.30 - 15.30, Year 7

7 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 Bulmershe School, Reading

Guess My Job, Monday 25th January 2027, 08:15-15:00, Year 10

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 Bulmershe School, Reading

Interview Preparation, Monday 25th January 2027, 08:15-15:00, Year 10

4 volunteer spaces

This workshop gives the students an understanding of what they need to do to prepare for an interview. You will support EBP staff whilst they deliver this workshop by offering your own advice and expertise about what you 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.

Newbury / Thatcham / Hungerford / North Hampshire

St Mary Bourne Primary School, St Mary Bourne, Hampshire

Guess My Job, Tuesday 23rd June, Time TBC, Year 3-6

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.



John Rankin Junior School, Newbury

Guess My Job, Monday 6th July, 08:30-12:00, Year 5

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.

Kennet School, Thatcham

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

2 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

The Corsham School, Corsham

Mock Interviews, Thursday 25th 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 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.

Castle Mead School, Trowbridge

Take Cover: STIXX, Thursday 9th 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 9th 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.

Kingsbury Green Academy, Calne, Wiltshire

Financial Awareness – Power of Savings, Thurs 16th July, 09:30-12:30, Year 7

1 volunteer space

In this fun, interactive workshop, we use gamification to introduce students to smart spending habits, basic budgeting and financial terminology. Aiming to equip them with simple and achievable strategies to start them



off on their savings journey. You will share your experiences with the students and provide ideas, tips and tricks to make sure students keep their finances on track.

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

No events at present.

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:

15 staff. 25km. Donate to support life-changing programmes!



A team of EBP staff are taking on a 25km walk from Kennet School to John O'Gaunt School on Tuesday 14th July.

 We're raising funds to support the core of our work—the people, resources, and infrastructure that make our programmes possible.

Every day, we help young people with huge potential build the skills, confidence, and opportunities they need for the future. Behind every success are essential costs that are vital, yet often hardest to fund.

 Your donation supports:

- ~ Workshop delivery and staff time
- ~ Programme development aligned with employer needs
- ~ Safeguarding and training
- ~ Running costs and outreach to reach more young people

 Every contribution makes a difference.

 Thank you for supporting the next generation.

Donate here:

[Fundraiser by Lilly Vincent : Education Business Partnership - 25km walking challenge](#)



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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