



Volunteer Events Newsletter

1st October 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

★ Recognising the incredible impact of our volunteers! ★

Our volunteers make a huge difference to the young people we support, so we're excited to launch our **new EBP Volunteer Award Badges** celebrating the time, commitment and expertise you bring to our events.

Badges will be awarded at **Bronze, Silver and Gold** levels based on the number of events supported, with attendance from the last three academic years counting towards the launch.

A special thank you goes to SPACE Interiors Systems in Aldermaston, whose generous sponsorship has made this initiative possible.

And congratulations to long-standing volunteer and EBP team member, Paul Rose, who received our first Gold Award badge this week! 🎉



Reading / Tilehurst

Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre, Reading

You're Hired, Friday 27th November, 08:30-15:15, Year 12

5 volunteer spaces

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- **Think Smart, Speak Smart** – Communication skills / strategic thinking
- **Dream Team Drama** – Teamwork and conflict resolution
- **Level Up Your Life** – Productivity and time management
- **Beyond The Screen** – Digital skills including the AI debate and the significance of your digital footprint
- **Speak Up, Stand Out** – Presentation skills and public speaking

Volunteers will not be expected to deliver any content but be available to share insights, experiences and advice. You will receive a full briefing about what to expect prior to the event.

Maiden Erlegh School, Reading

Mock Interviews, Monday 7th December, 08:30-15:00

1 volunteer space

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The Bulmershe School, Reading

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

3 volunteer spaces

Help broaden students' horizons and challenge career stereotypes in this fun, interactive guessing game. Working in small groups, students will interview you to uncover clues about your job and try to guess what you do for a living. You'll share your role, career journey and the experiences that helped shape your path. This engaging activity introduces students to a wide range of careers they may not have considered before, while helping them understand that there are many different routes to success.

Volunteers play a vital role by bringing their stories to life and encouraging students to think differently about the world of work. A full briefing is provided before the event, and no preparation is required.

The Bulmershe School, Reading

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

3 volunteer spaces

In this interactive workshop, students learn how to prepare effectively for interviews and gain insight into what employers are looking for. As a volunteer, you'll play a valuable role by sharing your own experiences, practical tips and real-world advice about interviews and recruitment. You'll support EBP staff by contributing to discussions, answering questions and helping students understand how to make a positive impression. Your personal insights can make a real difference in boosting students' confidence and readiness for future opportunities. A full briefing will be provided before the event.

The Bulmershe School, Reading

Mock Interviews, Tuesday 26th January, 08:15–15:00

13 volunteer spaces

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as they prepare for future interviews and workplace opportunities. You will be sent the full details of the event in advance and on the morning of the interviews you will receive a full briefing from one of our Project Officers before you meet the students.

Maiden Erlegh School, Earley

Mock Interviews, Friday 5th February, full school day

20 volunteer spaces

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The Wren School, Reading

You're Hired, Wednesday 10th February, 08:30-15:15, Year 12

5 volunteer spaces

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The Willink School, Reading

Mock Interviews, Thursday 11th February, 08:30–12:00

19 volunteer spaces

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Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre, Reading

Mock Interviews, Monday 1st March, 08:30–14:00

22 volunteer spaces

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Little Heath School, Reading

You're Hired, Thursday 4th March, 08:30–15:30, Year 12

5 volunteer spaces

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Little Heath School, Reading

Guess My Job (Green Careers), Tuesday 9th March, 08:30–15:30, Year 8

8 volunteer spaces

Help broaden students' horizons and challenge career stereotypes in this fun, interactive guessing game. Working in small groups, students will interview you to uncover clues about your job in a green related career and try to guess what you do for a living. You'll share your role, career journey and the experiences that helped shape your path. This engaging activity introduces students to a wide range of careers in the green sector they may not have considered before, while helping them understand that there are many different routes to success. Volunteers play a vital role by bringing their stories to life and encouraging students to think differently about the world of work. A full briefing is provided before the event, and no preparation is required.

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School, Reading

Guess My Job (Green Careers), Wednesday 26th May, 09:00–15:00

6 volunteer spaces

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world of work. A full briefing is provided before the event, and no preparation is required.

The Wren School, Reading

Champions of Enterprise, Tuesday 29th June, 09:00–15:00, Year 8

7 volunteer spaces

Help students develop teamwork, creativity, time management and presentation confidence as they tackle a real business challenge. You'll support them throughout the workshop, encouraging decision making and problem solving, before helping judge their final presentations. It's a great opportunity to share your experience, inspire young people and see their ideas come to life.

The Wren School, Reading

Guess My Job (Green Careers), Thursday 1st July, 09:30–13:30, Year 7

6 volunteer spaces

Help broaden students' horizons and challenge career stereotypes in this fun, interactive guessing game. Working in small groups, students will interview you to uncover clues about your job in a green related career and try to guess what you do for a living. You'll share your role, career journey and the experiences that helped shape your path. This engaging activity introduces students to a wide range of careers in the green sector they may not have considered before, while helping them understand that there are many different routes to success. Volunteers play a vital role by bringing their stories to life and encouraging students to think differently about the world of work. A full briefing is provided before the event, and no preparation is required.

Newbury / Thatcham / Hungerford / North Hampshire

St Bartholomew's School, Newbury

Mock Interviews, Wednesday 25th November, 08:30–15:30

2 volunteer spaces

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The Hurst School, Tadley

Mock Interviews, Monday 11th January, full school day

15 volunteer spaces

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Swindon / Wiltshire

The Deanery CE Academy, Swindon

Scrap Challenge, Thursday 15th October, 09:00–12:45, Year 8

1 volunteer space (STEM background helpful)

Students work in teams to test their imagination and engineering skills by designing and building their own Cardboard City. Inspired by cities around the world, they will create layouts, services and features to meet residents'



needs. A winning product/service will be chosen from all the teams. You will support students throughout, so no prior preparation is required.

St Joseph's Catholic College, Swindon

Scrap Challenge, Friday 11th June, 08:30–15:15

12 volunteer spaces (STEM background helpful)

Students work in teams to test their imagination and engineering skills by designing and building their own Cardboard City. Inspired by cities around the world, they will create layouts, services and features to meet residents' needs. A winning product/service will be chosen from all the teams. You will support students throughout, 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:

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."

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



Events Officer
25 hours per week (4 or 5 days)
Term Time Only



We are recruiting!

Full details and application via the Indeed portal:

[Events Officer - Newbury RG14 - Indeed.com](#)



Business Engagement Specialist
12 hours per week (2 or 3 days)
Term Time Only until Feb 2027



We are recruiting!

Full details and application via the Indeed portal:

[Business Engagement Specialist - Newbury RG14 - Indeed.com](#)

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makes a big
difference 😊**



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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!**