Volunteer Events Newsletter
2nd November 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, Business Engagement Specialist

★ Put Your Brand in Front of Schools and Future Talent ★



Some of our most engaging events can also be our messiest!

We are seeking a company to sponsor **10 branded polo shirts** for EBP staff to wear while supporting these activities.

We anticipate the total cost will be around **£150**. In recognition of your support, **the sponsoring company could have its logo displayed on the shirts**, offering visible recognition at events attended by schools, volunteers and local employers.

If your company would like to help our team stay smart, practical and recognisably EBP —whatever the activity — please email **events@ebp.org.uk**. We would be delighted to discuss the opportunity with you.

Reading / Tilehurst

Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre, Reading

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

1 volunteer space

This is a programme of workshops with a series of "real life" scenarios and interactive workshops, aiming to equip students with the skills, knowledge and experience to not only succeed but thrive in the world of work.

- **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.

Crosfields School, Reading

Champions of Enterprise, Wednesday 2nd December, 08:30-15:00, Year 9

6 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.

Maiden Erlegh School, Reading

Mock Interviews, Monday 7th December, 08:30-15:00, Year 11

Full but reserve volunteers welcomed

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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.

The Bulmershe School, Reading

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

2 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, Year 10

9 volunteer spaces

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Maiden Erlegh School, Earley

Mock Interviews, Friday 5th February, full school day

15 volunteer spaces

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interview with you, followed by 5 minutes for supportive, constructive feedback. Your experience and encouragement can make a real difference 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.

The Wren School, Reading

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

3 volunteer spaces

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- **Dream Team Drama** - Teamwork and conflict resolution
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The Willink School, Reading

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

17 volunteer spaces

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Crosfields School, Reading

Get Shirty, Tuesday 23rd February, 09:00-16:00, Year 8

7 volunteer spaces

Students will spend the day with 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. 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

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

19 volunteer spaces

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Little Heath School, Reading

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

9 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

You're Hired, Wednesday 24th March, 08:30-15:15, Year 12

5 volunteer spaces

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- **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

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Denefield School, Reading

You're Hired, Wednesday 28th April, 13:45-14:45, Year 12

2 volunteer spaces

You're Hired is a programme of workshops with a series of "real life" scenarios and interactive workshops, aiming to equip students with the skills, knowledge and experience to not only succeed but thrive in the world of work.

This workshop will be:

- **Think Smart, Speak Smart** – Communication skills / strategic thinking

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Denefield School, Reading

You're Hired, Wednesday 5th May, 13:45-14:45, Year 12

2 volunteer spaces

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This workshop will be:

- **Dream Team Drama** - Teamwork and conflict resolution

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Denefield School, Reading

You're Hired, Wednesday 12th May, 13:45-14:45, Year 12

2 volunteer spaces

You're Hired is a programme of workshops with a series of "real life" scenarios and interactive workshops, aiming to equip students with the skills, knowledge and experience to not only succeed but thrive in the world of work.

This workshop will be:

- **Beyond The Screen** - Digital skills including the AI debate and the significance of your digital footprint

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Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School, Reading

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

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.

Maiden Erlegh School, Earley, Reading

Get Shirty, Friday 25th June, 08:30-15:00, Year 7

12 volunteer spaces

Students will spend the day with 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. 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 29th June, 09:00-15:00, Year 8

6 volunteer spaces

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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.

Little Heath School, Reading

You're Hired, Monday 12th July, 08:30-15:30, Year 12

3 volunteer spaces

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Newbury / Thatcham / Hungerford / North Hampshire

Kennet School, Newbury

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

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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.

St Bartholomew's School, Newbury

Mock Interviews, Wednesday 25th November, 08:30-15:30, Year 11

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The Hurst School, Tadley

Mock Interviews, Monday 11th January, full school day, Year 10

15 volunteer spaces

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North Waltham Primary School, Basingstoke

Take Cover: Stixx, Thursday 21st January 2027, 08:30-12:30, Year 3-6

1 volunteer space

An interactive workshop designed to help engage students with the practical application of engineering and sustainability. Students are introduced to the concept of civil engineering and hear from volunteers 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.

St Bartholomew's School, Newbury

People Like Me, Tuesday 23rd March, 08:30-15:00, Year 8

1 volunteer space

This interactive workshop encourages students to explore their personal strengths, interests and abilities, helping them identify STEM careers and roles that may be a great fit for them. Through a skills-based questionnaire, students build a profile of themselves and gain insight into the pathways that best match their talents. As a volunteer from a STEM-related organisation, you'll complete the same questionnaire before the event and then share your results, career journey and workplace experiences with students. A full briefing will be provided before the event, so you'll feel confident and well-prepared for the day.

Swindon / Wiltshire

Great Western Academy, Swindon

Scrap Challenge, Wednesday 18th November, 08:00-15:30, Year 8

7 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.

Abbey Park School, Swindon

Scrap Challenge, Thursday 19th November, 08:30-12:30, Year 8

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.

Great Western Academy, Swindon

You're Hired, Monday 19th April, 08:00-15:30, Year 10

5 volunteer spaces

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St Joseph's Catholic College, Swindon

You're Hired, Tuesday 18th May, 08:30-15:30

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St Joseph's Catholic College, Swindon
Scrap Challenge, Friday 11th June, 08:30-15:15
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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:

A volunteering opportunity from Berkshire Youth:
We are seeking individuals who can take part in **mock interviews** (for 18-24 year olds who are currently NEET), helping young people build confidence, practise interview techniques, and prepare for real employment opportunities.

Many of the young people we support are taking their first steps into the workplace, and your experience and feedback could make a real difference to their future.

Whether you are a business owner, manager, recruiter, or have experience interviewing candidates, we'd love to hear from you. Sessions can be arranged around your availability, and even a small amount of time can have a lasting impact.

By volunteering with Berkshire Youth, you'll be helping local young people develop the skills, confidence, and motivation needed to succeed in today's job market while giving back to the local community.

Interested in getting involved?
Please contact - Jamie Hodge at jamie.hodge@berkshireyouth.co.uk for more information.

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A small donation makes a big difference 😍

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WEST BERKSHIRE LOTTERY
WINNING TOGETHER

Support us through easyfundraising

We could receive £1,000 with your help
Nominate us today
MOVEMENT FOR GOOD

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!

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