

# Volunteer Management Newsletter

April 2019

## The countdown is on for Volunteers week 2019!

### It is just one month until Volunteers' Week 2019!

Each year from 1-7 June, thousands of clubs, groups and organisations use Volunteers' Week to celebrate volunteering in all its diversity.

Volunteers' Week is a fantastic opportunity to say a BIG thank you to your amazing volunteers, show recognition and celebrate the valuable contribution they make.



Share details of your event with us and send any promotion material for your Volunteers' Week events - we will share them on Social Media!

Send details to: [volunteer@cabeds.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@cabeds.org.uk) @CABedfordshire

### Celebration ideas on a budget!

- **Present your volunteers with certificates** – [click here for Volunteers' Week templates](#)
- **Thank you cards** – it is the thought that counts! A heartfelt and personalised hand written message will mean the world to your volunteers
- **Any event with food is always a welcome treat** – “bring a dish”, coffee and cake, tea party, breakfasts/lunches, afternoon tea, curry and quiz night
- **Outdoor events** – Picnic's or BBQ's are a great way to do something a little different and enjoy the
- **Social media posts** – ask your volunteers to write a short paragraph about their volunteering journey and how they have story and post on social media
- **Local press** - Write an article in your local newspaper thanking your volunteer
- **Get active and plan a team building and celebration day** for staff and volunteers – organise a wellness walk, community clean-up, treasure hunt, day at the farm
- **Activity session** - Find out whether your volunteers have any hidden talents they could share with the group (*flower arranging, arts & crafts, gardening, yoga & pilates, cooking, music*)
- **Visual displays** – shop/office windows, badges, posters, banners
- **Have a stall in a community setting** - Raise awareness about volunteering, organise a stall in a public square, shopping centre, library, market, hospital, community venues

[Click here to visit the Volunteers' Week website for lots more ideas and FREE resources](#)

You'll find the hugely popular logos and resources, volunteers' stories to help get you inspired, the #VolunteersWeek social media wall, and the opportunity to view Volunteers' Week celebration events across the UK, as well as a chance to add your own event.

[For more ideas, “attend” the Volunteers' Week Webinar on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May from 14.00 – 15.00.](#)

## It's one month until...



## Cheering Volunteering 2019



Cheering Volunteering 2019 is underway and the 5th annual awards and celebration evening will take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at the Grove Theatre in Dunstable. This is a fantastic opportunity to come together with volunteers across Central Bedfordshire to celebrate all the amazing contributions that they make.

Volunteer award nominations are now closed but it is still a great evening of entertainment to celebrate volunteering in Central Bedfordshire – invite your volunteers along and [book your FREE tickets here](#).

### Interested in having a stall at Cheering Volunteering?

There are still some spaces left to book a stand for your organisation at Cheering Volunteering to showcase your wonderful volunteers prior to the show! This is a great opportunity to network with other organisations, display your volunteer achievements and marketing material and give your volunteers an opportunity to share their volunteering experience with others.

Spaces are limited so contact [kay@cabeds.org.uk](mailto:kay@cabeds.org.uk) to book your place and avoid disappointment!

### Send us your photographs of volunteers in action!

We will then send these to Central Bedfordshire Council to be included in the slide-show presentation.

Thank you to CHUMS, Home-Start, Houghton Regis Helpers and Carers in Bedfordshire who have already sent us some brilliant photographs of volunteers!

*Please note: We can only use photos where everyone in the picture has already provided their agreement that their image can be used for publicity purposes and if needed, we can provide a photograph*

consent form template for you to use.

Please send photos to: [kay@cabeds.org.uk](mailto:kay@cabeds.org.uk)

## Digital Developments

Small charities are able to access free online training to help promote mental health and wellbeing in the workplace.

Mind is offering **free training to small and medium sized charities** to promote good mental wellbeing in the workplace. The charity's **online training** has been designed specifically for small organisations with less than 250 people. It has been made available online via the **Mental Health at Work website**, which has been developed by Mind along with Heads Together and was launched by the Duke of Cambridge in 2018. Read more [here](#).



## Calling all organisations looking for volunteers in Leighton Buzzard

**Did you know we have a fortnightly volunteering column in the Leighton Buzzard Observer? Get in touch if you would like us to write an article promoting your volunteer roles in the LBO.**

As well as using Volunteer Connect, Social Media, Websites, partnerships with local organisations, libraries, Job Centres, community groups, stalls and outreach at community events, we can also help promote your volunteering opportunities in the local newspapers. We find that this reaches a wide audience of potential volunteers who may not be online, or using computers.



Contact: [kay@cabeds.org.uk](mailto:kay@cabeds.org.uk) | 01525 850559



## Job Vacancies

**Autism Bedfordshire** are now recruiting for their 2019 summer schemes in Bedford and Luton 22 July – 9 August. Compulsory training day on Saturday 1 June. Paid and volunteer positions available. [Click here for more information](#)

**Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity (BRCC)** are recruiting for multiple roles!

[Community and Wellbeing Service Manager](#)

[Lead Social Prescriber](#)

[Community Wellbeing Champion](#)

[Project Support and Data Officer](#)

**Road Victims Trust – Administrator:** Bedford – Part-time - £19,000 per year pro rata

[Click here for more information](#)

**Sense - Specialist Support Workers:** Luton – Part-time and Full-time - £8.50 per hour

[Click here for more information](#)

**University of Bedfordshire – Research Assistant:** Luton - £27,025 - £33,199 a year

[Click here for more information](#)

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