Community First Yorkshire
RESOURCES

VOLUNTEER ROLE EXAMPLES

Repair Café Volunteer - David



I've been volunteering at my local Repair Café for the past three years, helping residents repair household items that might otherwise end up in landfill. As a Royal Engineers veteran, I enjoy cycling, walking, and spending time tackling DIY projects.

I first got involved after learning about the environmental benefits of repairing and reusing items rather than replacing them.

I enjoy sharing practical skills, helping people save money, and reducing waste in the community. For me, volunteering is a great way to meet new people, give something back, and make a positive contribution to a more sustainable future.

A Day in the Life

What does your volunteering involve?
Assessing items brought in by visitors and helping repair electrical, mechanical, household, or textile items.

What does a typical volunteering day look like?
Welcoming visitors, discussing repair options, carrying out repairs where possible, and sharing skills and advice with residents.

What do you enjoy most about volunteering?
Seeing people's reactions when a valued item can be repaired and used again.

What's been your most memorable volunteering moment?
Helping repair an item that had sentimental value and hearing the story behind it.

What would you say to someone thinking about volunteering?
You don't have to be an expert. If you enjoy helping people and learning new skills, there's a role for everyone.

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Village Hall Volunteer - Mark

I've been volunteering at my village hall for the past five years, helping to organise events and keep the building running smoothly. Outside of volunteering, I work locally and enjoy spending time walking in the countryside.

I first got involved after attending a community meeting and realising just how much work goes into keeping the hall open and available for everyone to use.

I enjoy bringing people together and helping to create a welcoming space where local groups, clubs, and activities can thrive. For me, strong community facilities are at the heart of village life, and volunteering is a rewarding way to contribute to something that benefits the whole community.



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Youth Club Volunteer - Aisha

I volunteer at my local youth club, supporting young people to take part in activities, build confidence, and develop new skills. Alongside volunteering, I'm studying for a degree and enjoy taking part in sport and creative arts.

I first got involved because I wanted to help young people access opportunities that I wish I'd had when I was younger. One of the most rewarding parts of volunteering is seeing young people grow in confidence and achieve things they never thought possible.

For me, volunteering is a chance to make a positive difference and invest in the future of my community while learning and developing new skills myself.



A Day in the Life

What does your volunteering involve?
Supporting youth activities, mentoring young people, and helping create a safe and welcoming environment.

What does a typical volunteering day look like?
Setting up activities, welcoming young people, supporting sessions, and encouraging participation.

What do you enjoy most about volunteering?
Watching young people build confidence and develop new skills.

What's been your most memorable volunteering moment?
Seeing a young person overcome their nerves and lead an activity for the first time.

What would you say to someone thinking about volunteering?
The impact you can have on a young person's life is far greater than you realise.

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Good Neighbour Volunteer - Jeanette

I've been helping neighbours in my local community for over five years. Whether it's collecting prescriptions, picking up shopping, cutting grass, or simply checking in on someone who lives alone, I'm always happy to lend a hand. Outside of volunteering, I enjoy gardening, baking, and spending time with my family.



I first started helping during the COVID-19 pandemic, when some of my neighbours were unable to get out and about or access essential services on their own.

As restrictions eased, I continued supporting those who needed a helping hand and found that even the smallest acts of kindness could make a real difference to someone's day.

A Day in the Life

What does your volunteering involve?
Providing practical help and support to neighbours and local residents, such as collecting shopping or prescriptions, carrying out small gardening tasks, and offering companionship.

What does a typical volunteering day look like?
There isn't a set routine. I might pick up a prescription on my way into town, help a neighbour with their shopping, pop round for a chat, or spend an hour tidying someone's garden.

What do you enjoy most about volunteering?
Knowing that small acts of kindness can make someone's day a little easier and helping people remain independent in their own homes.

What's been your most memorable volunteering moment?
Receiving a handwritten thank you card from a neighbour who said the support had helped them through a difficult time.

What would you say to someone thinking about volunteering?
You don't need special skills or lots of free time. Sometimes the smallest gestures can make the biggest difference.

Where could these roles be advertised?

Repair Café Volunteer

This role could be advertised through local community noticeboards, libraries, village halls, social media community groups, Men's Sheds, environmental organisations, and local newspapers.
It may also appeal to retired tradespeople, engineers, DIY enthusiasts, and individuals with practical skills, so promotion through veterans' groups, tool libraries, hardware stores, and repair networks could be effective.

Village Hall Volunteer

This role could be promoted through parish newsletters, village websites, community Facebook groups, local churches, schools, libraries, and other community venues.
Existing hall users, local residents, and people with an interest in supporting community life may be particularly interested. Recruitment could also take place at community events, fetes, and annual parish meetings.

Youth Club Volunteer

This role could be advertised through colleges, universities, sixth forms, sports clubs, youth organisations, volunteer centres, and social media platforms.
It may particularly appeal to students considering careers in teaching, youth work, social work, health, or community development.
Local employers offering volunteering opportunities for staff may also be a useful recruitment route.

Good Neighbour Volunteer

This role could be promoted through GP surgeries, pharmacies, community centres, churches, libraries, housing associations, local newsletters, and neighbourhood social media groups.
It may particularly attract people who enjoy helping others, have some spare time, and want to support older or more vulnerable residents within their local community. Word-of-mouth recommendations can also be an effective way to recruit volunteers for this type of role.