

CSV Full-Time Volunteering

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- ♦ Is your organisation interested in new ways to deliver your work?
- ♦ Does your organisation want to add value to the service that you give?
- ♦ Are you seeking a flexible and cost-effective option that can make a real difference to the people you help?

Then we may have the answer – **CSV volunteers.**



Our volunteers are often able to do the small things that hard pressed staff struggle to find time to do and that can make a real difference to how people view your services. The volunteers complement and add to the work that you do and allow your organisation to achieve more on a day-to-day basis. CSV volunteers can bring a fresh perspective and a different approach that enhances your organisation.

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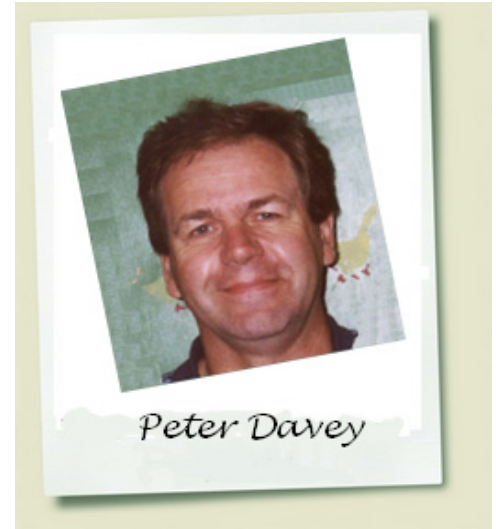
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What our partners say

'CSV offers organisations the opportunity to benefit from a variety of people from different backgrounds, who are able to contribute positively to a workforce, with their commitment, enthusiasm, experiences and different cultures. They can often enrich an organisation whilst gaining a worthwhile experience themselves.'

Peter Davey, Centre Manager at Cherry Trees, a respite centre for children with disabilities, who have been working with CSV for over 20 years.



Why CSV?

CSV has a great heritage in volunteering. Set up in 1962, we have been delivering volunteer support across the UK ever since. CSV is now one of the UK's biggest and most established volunteering organisations. CSV promotes social inclusion through a range of high quality volunteering opportunities, delivered through creative partnerships.

Our full-time volunteers are recruited in the UK and internationally; carefully selected and matched to your organisation's needs. Our aim is to offer your organisation an ongoing supply of volunteers all year round, thereby taking away some of the stresses and strains of finding people to help you. In addition, CSV can provide the following services: interviewing and risk assessment of volunteers, quality assurance and monitoring, and insurance.

Full-time volunteers can be mentors, role models, facilitators, carers – but above all they help to get things done; they are the extra pair of hands that can make all the difference, sometimes in very challenging circumstances. Currently our volunteers help in a wide range of settings – including schools and colleges, day centres, emergency night shelters, social services teams, outdoor education centres, mentoring and befriending schemes, environmental projects, and many others.

We have an extensive network of staff in local offices so we can offer the reassurance of being a large organisation as well as a local and personal service.

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Why volunteers?

CSV volunteers are there because they want to be; they bring diversity and a wealth of experience to help your work. Organisations choose them because they can see that volunteers add value to their work and prove to be a flexible and dynamic resource.

The relationship is reciprocal, volunteers gain and your organisation gains. Our volunteers all want to do something different and worthwhile – some will want to gain work experience in a particular field or just gain general life experience by moving away from home and facing challenges in a supportive environment that helps them develop their confidence and independence.

Our full-time volunteers are there to support your organisation for up to 35 hours a week and can stay for up to a year.

What our volunteers say

'I have enjoyed my time at Cherry Trees. It's been great fun, and there's always something different happening so it's never dull. I've met a huge variety of people here and I've learnt more about people with disabilities ... Overall, this placement has been hugely beneficial to me.'

Tim, a full-time CSV volunteer from the UK, who volunteered at Cherry Trees for seven months.



Contact CSV

If you have an idea for involving volunteers in your organisation or just want to know more about CSV, our business development team would like to hear from you. Find out more:

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Visit: www.csv.org.uk

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Here are just some of the organisations we have worked with and the types of activities our volunteers have done:



Angus Council – provide help at a befriending project trying to keep young people in mainstream education ■ Bedfordshire Youth Offending Service – provide help at a mentoring project for young people at risk of offending ■ Callington Community College, Cornwall – provide in-school support for citizenship teaching ■ Carers Bromley – provide respite care support to adults ■ Cherry Trees, Surrey – provide help at a respite care centre for disabled children ■ Colchester Nightshelter – provide support for the homeless ■ Edinburgh City Council – provide help for an environmental education project in schools ■ Field Studies Council – provide support for environmental education activities at an outdoor centre ■ Girlguiding UK – provide support for an outdoor residential activity centre ■ I CAN – provide support for a special residential school for children with speech and learning disabilities ■ Kiloran Trust, London – provide help for a charity organising residential breaks for carers ■ Leeds City Council – provide help at day centres run by Social Services giving support to people with mental health problems ■ Leicestershire County Council – provide help for a project supporting adults with learning disabilities to volunteer ■ MENCAP – provide support for individuals with learning disabilities to live independently ■ Nightsafe Ltd, Lancashire – provide support for young homeless people ■ Norfolk County Council – provide help for a supported volunteering scheme for adults with learning disabilities ■ Northamptonshire County Council – provide support for a Children and Families centre in Corby ■ North Lanarkshire Council – provide help at a befriending project for vulnerable young people ■ Royal Blind School, Edinburgh – provide help at a school for the visually impaired ■ Scope – provide help for people with cerebral palsy at educational establishments ■ Southend-on-Sea Borough Council – provide respite care support for families with children with disabilities ■ St Elizabeth's Centre, Hertfordshire – provide support for a special residential school for children with epilepsy and related disorders ■ Thurrock Council – provide support for a befriending and social inclusion scheme for adults with disabilities ■ Voluntary Action Leicestershire – provide help for a project supporting adults with learning disabilities to volunteer ■ West London Day Centre – provide help at a drop-in day centre for the homeless ■ Womaston School, Powys – provide help at a school for children with autism and challenging behaviours

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