

About us:

Taunton Deane Volunteer Bureau offers advice and information on volunteering opportunities in Taunton Deane. We support and promote the 'quality', quantity and accessibility of volunteering at a local level. If you are an organisation that involves volunteers we might be able to help you.

We can assist in a number of ways, including.

- promote volunteering as a fun and rewarding activity for the volunteer and the organisation.
- helping to develop good practice within volunteering opportunities.
- advertise your volunteering opportunities.
- help recruit volunteers on behalf of your organisation.
- working in partnership with voluntary and statutory agencies.
- providing a voice for volunteer organisations.

Are You Looking for Volunteers?

The Volunteer Bureau can help you recruit volunteers if you are a not-for-profit volunteer involving organisation such as voluntary organisations, charities, community groups, self-help groups and statutory agencies.

To do this you will need to fill out a volunteer opportunity request form. This is to ensure that organisations are adhering to good practice. If you have any queries about good practice, please contact us. We will be happy to help.

The information you provide on the form will also be used to inform potential volunteers about your organisation and voluntary opportunity.

Please make your opportunity sound interesting to potential volunteers as volunteers will usually have a number of opportunities to choose from and please make clear what is expected of them.

We will also use the information to market your opportunity. We can promote opportunities through a number of ways.

For example: during our one-to-one sessions with potential volunteers; in our weekly column in the Somerset County Gazette and the free local papers; on printed lists/booklets and in general talks on volunteering during promotional events and our organised events for 'Volunteer Week' and 'Make a Difference Day'.

We can also post your opportunity on the volunteering national database at www.do-it.org.uk

We are also able to give information and advice regarding training opportunities in all areas of volunteering.

We also hold Volunteer Forums for volunteer co-ordinators to discuss volunteer issues.

Please contact us for more information on any of the above.

Supported Volunteers:

Many people face barriers into volunteering due to past or present issues in their lives and taking the first step to a more active role in their community can be difficult. We aim to try and find appropriate opportunities for everyone that chooses to volunteer.

When considering your volunteering opportunity please think about equal opportunities and whether your organisation is able

to accept supported volunteers. A role description, person specification and skills required should be what a potential volunteer's suitability is measured against not their illness, disability or background.

We are here to help your organisation so we would be happy to talk through any issues you may have.

Our supported Volunteer Worker, Rachel, can be contacted on 01823 284470.

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Opening hours:

10am - 4pm Mon-Fri

Answerphone for out of hours enquiries.

You can also view volunteering opportunities by visiting
www.do-it.org.uk