

OUR YEAR

Wakefield District 2024

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING GUIDANCE

...for community partners



OUR YEAR

Wakefield District 2024

DO YOU NEED VOLUNTEERS?

We want to help our Community Partners reach new volunteers during Our Year!
We would love to feature your volunteering opportunities on our website...

Here's how it works:

STEP 1

Before submitting your opportunity, you might want to have a read through our agreement and guidance...

STEP 2

Once you know what your volunteer role will be, complete our form with the role details!

STEP 3

We add your role to our website and promote it to volunteers through social media and our newsletter

STEP 4

We connect interested volunteers to you. You will then make your arrangements with them. Please keep us informed 😊



OUR YEAR
Wakefield District 2024

WHAT KIND OF ROLES WOULD WORK?

Our Year is all about trying new things and learning new skills, whether that's something creative, something sporty, or something that will improve wellbeing.

You might need volunteers:

For a full day, helping with a large project you are working on such as clearing a community outdoor space!

For a couple of hours, to assist at an event or activity you have planned, as stewards, ticket-collectors or just for general assistance!

***REMEMBER IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT HOW VOLUNTEERS CAN HELP YOU,
BUT ALSO HOW YOU CAN HELP VOLUNTEERS!***

EXAMPLE ROLE IDEAS

Stewards

Stewards ensure events run smoothly by assisting attendees, maintaining order, and providing information. They play a vital role in creating a positive experience for all participants.

Event Buddies

Buddies can help attendees and audiences who have learning disabilities feel more comfortable and confident at events, by helping them navigate crowds and find their way. Note this role would require DBS checks.

Social Media Helpers

Why not get a volunteer to help take photos and write social media posts for your events?

Large Project teams

Council colleagues are keen to help out as part of Our Year. If you need a team of volunteers to help with a project for a day, we can help!

OUR YEAR THEMES TO INSPIRE YOU...

MOVING FESTIVAL



It's all about...

Getting physically active! Maybe you would like to run a family sports day or need people to help at a charity sports match!

NURTURE AND NOURISH



It's all about...

Healthy eating and food growing! Maybe you have a community garden and need some help getting things ready for summer!

OUR STORIES



It's all about...

Celebrating the heritage of our district. Are you planning a heritage event or project and need a bit of extra support?

FESTIVALS/EVENTS



It's all about...

Coming together as a community! Galas, fairs, car shows, art exhibitions... it's all part of Our Year

TOP TIPS

Here's some food for thought if you are thinking about your volunteering role...

WHAT MAKES A GOOD VOLUNTEERING ROLE?

The NCVO (The National Council for Voluntary Organisations) identify some things that make a great experience for volunteers:

- Everyone feels included
- Volunteers feel like they have made a difference
- Understanding and caring about the cause
- Balanced, doesn't overburden the volunteer
- Enjoyable and makes people feel good

WHY DO PEOPLE VOLUNTEER?

People volunteer for many reasons, but some of the most common are: to make new friends, to try something new, to learn a skill/advance their career, and because they believe in the cause!



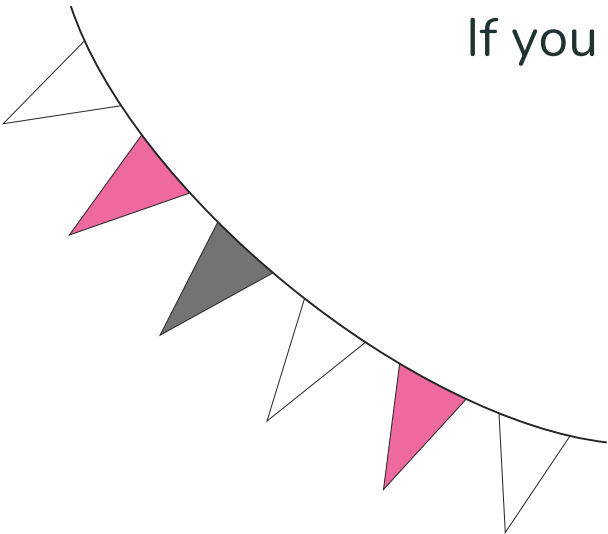
WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

We would love to know how it went! As part of your agreement with us, we will contact you after the event to confirm who volunteered and for how long.

There will also be a wider evaluation of Community Partnerships during Our Year.
You will receive further information about this via the Communities Newsletter.

If you have any questions, concerns or feedback you can of course contact the team
anytime at:

ouryear@wakefield.gov.uk



ouryear2024.co.uk

OUR YEAR
Wakefield District 2024

wakefieldcouncil
working for you