

Event Volunteering

Programme information sheet

WHAT IS IT?

Launched in September 2008, the Event Volunteering programme, funded by the HSBC Education Trust and v (the implementation body of the Russell Commission), seeks to create a new generation of young people as sports event volunteers.

Working in partnership with six of England's major host cities for international sports events from 2008-2011 and beyond, this project aims to create a structure and everlasting legacy of young people as volunteers.

The aspiration for this programme is to reach across community divides, inspire young people to 'get involved' and tackle negative perceptions of young people by providing high profile examples of the positive contribution that young people can and do make.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

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How will the young event volunteers be supported and deployed?

Six young people have been recruited as Young Event Volunteer Development Officers who play a crucial role in identifying, recruiting and training the 'event crews'.

The 'event crews' are led and managed by young people from higher education institutes who take on the role of Team Manager, supported by circa 8-10 young event volunteers

Each young person, recruited from local school sport partnerships, will be deployed at a minimum of three major events over a 12 month period. The project is aiming to recruit 350 young people per year and offer more than 1050 volunteering opportunities.



WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?

Over 367 young event volunteers have been deployed to support circa 65 events across six host cities, totalling over 1000 volunteer opportunities. Roles have included marshalling, media support, admin roles, and event manager support.

“ It has been a privilege to be a part of making a major event a success. Hearing the athletes comment on the fact that it's the volunteers who make such events a fantastic place to compete in, motivates me to volunteer and help others to reach their potential. ”

Young Event Volunteer

Young event volunteer crews have supported a range of sporting events including:

- Paralympic World Cup
- Bath half marathon
- Basketball BBL League Cup Final
- Athletics AVIVA Indoor grand prix
- National Badminton Championships
- National Squash Championships
- British University Championships
- Flora London marathon
- 5K your way, Regents Park
- IMG moonwalk
- ASA Water Polo National Champs
- Great Manchester run
- FINA Diving World Series



“ The best thing about being a Young Event Volunteer Development Officer is learning a diverse range of new things and skills within the world of sport development. ”

Young Event Volunteer Development Officer

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