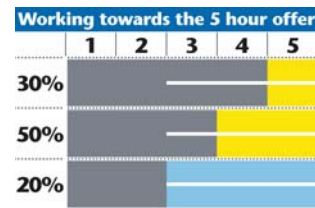


Event Volunteering

Programme information sheet



WHAT IS IT?

Launched in September 2008 the new 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 UK Sport's Major Events Team and 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 established 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 will the young event volunteers be supported and deployed?

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

The Young Event Volunteer Development Officers and their host cities are:

Bath/Bristol: Sam Jones - samantha10.Jones@uwe.ac.uk

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Tyne and Wear: Gemma McIntosh - gemmamcintosh@gateshead.gov.uk

The 'event crews' will be led and managed by young people from higher education institutes who will take on the role of Team Manager.

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.



WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?

Over 140 young event volunteers have been deployed to date.

“ 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, World Rowing Championship

Young event volunteer crews have supported four major sporting events:

- Over 110 young event volunteers have been deployed at the UK School Games since its inception in 2006.
- Five young people attended the World Rowing Championships.
- Eight young people worked as stewards at the All England Badminton Championships.
- Twenty young people were deployed as event volunteers at the Paralympic World Cup.



“ 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

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

For further information on the Event Volunteering programme please contact louise.gruchy@youthsporttrust.org