

Summer Internship – Community placement information

Summary

In order to gain valuable insight and experience of working directly with people in your local community you will be required to arrange volunteering hours, working with children, young people or disadvantaged groups. For example, this could be with a local youth group, mentoring scheme, or food bank.

Volunteering hours will be paid by Frontline up to a maximum of 35 hours. We require you to complete a minimum of 20 volunteering hours to be eligible to complete the rest of the internship.

Further details

- You will need to arrange your own volunteer hours, working directly with disadvantaged groups or with children and young people. Sourcing your own volunteering means you can find an opportunity that fits in with your own interests and schedule, and is accessible to you
 - The purpose of the internship is to gain direct experience working with people who are different to you so roles that are predominantly administration based, or with student societies and no outside service users, are not suitable
 - You may choose to volunteer for an organisation that is local to your community, or to go for a virtual role - for example, many mentoring and youth groups now meet online
 - Where you have existing links with any organisations, you are able to utilise these to arrange your volunteer hours
 - You will need to complete your volunteer hours between receiving an offer for the internship and before 23 July, with an expectation of a minimum of 20 hours being completed. You will find out if you have a place on the internship in April 2021, giving you at least 3 months to arrange and carry out your volunteering hours
 - Hours can be accumulated with more than one organisation or volunteering role, for example, if you have one-off volunteering days, these would count towards your total hours
 - Training organised by the organisation you are volunteering with can also count towards your hours
 - You can claim up to 35 volunteer hours to be paid as part of the internship. Hours will need to be logged and signed off by your volunteer supervisor through a 'Community Placement' form we will provide you with
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- We will also require you to complete 2.5 hours of reflection and evaluation activities related to your volunteering before 23 July. You will be provided with templates to fill in by Frontline for this
- You will receive payment for hours that are approved through your 'Community Placement' form in August, along with payment for your two weeks with Frontline

Guidance on sourcing volunteering opportunities

What to consider

- What causes are you particularly passionate about or interested in?
- What skills could you bring to a role, and what skills would you like to gain?
- What hours and locations will work best for you?

How to find opportunities

- Search for opportunities on [Do.It](#), the UK's largest digital volunteer matching site where you can search and apply for volunteering opportunities by activity, interest or location.
 - Find your local volunteer centre through the [NCVO finder](#)
 - If there is an organisation or charity that you are particularly passionate about, search their website for volunteering opportunities
 - Search for volunteer roles on [Charity Job](#)
 - [Studenteer](#) is a new initiative connecting students and recent graduates with remote volunteering opportunities
 - Talk to your Student Union or check out their website for volunteering opportunities
 - Look up local opportunities through your council's website
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