

West Kent Volunteer Centre



Brrrr.... It's certainly been a chilly January even though we haven't much in the way of snow in Kent.

Whether you want to wrap up warm and get outside, or stay cosy indoors, there are lots of ways to help out in your community.

Volunteering is a great way to make friends, learn new skills and boost your sense of wellbeing whilst helping others... so everyone benefits!!

We've put together some fab ideas of how to get involved, so read on....

Spotlight on Knole

This is an incredible time to be at Knole, as we are halfway through a five-year, £19.8million conservation and building project, in partnership with the Heritage Lottery Fund. This year has seen us open the Gatehouse Tower to visitors for the very first time, undertake much-needed conservation work in the historic showrooms, and open the refurbished and extended Brewhouse Café and shop.



However, there is still much more to come as we prepare to open the Knole Conservation Studio and the Hayloft Learning Centre early next year, and continue with conservation work in the showrooms.

Our volunteers play a vital role in helping us to share Knole's stories with our visitors, ensure everybody has an enjoyable visit and that the new spaces are running smoothly. Knole's volunteers span a huge range of skills and there are many different ways to get involved, both front of house and behind the scenes.

Volunteers provide a warm and friendly welcome to our visitors and room guides take visitors around the showrooms, providing more detailed information as they journey through the house. Volunteers are also involved with the upkeep and maintenance of Knole by volunteering with the premises team. Others assist staff with administration tasks in the main office or are involved in promoting Knole with the marketing team. If you like being outdoors, then leading guided walks in the park or garden might be your cup of tea. There really is something for everyone.

The new spaces at Knole have also created other, diverse volunteering opportunities. Conservation volunteers are needed to assist with conservation tasks in the showrooms and the new conservation studio (opening early 2017) and engage with visitors. Assistants are also needed in the Hayloft Learning Centre to assist with workshops and activities.

If you are interested in finding out more about volunteering at Knole, come along to one of our free coffee mornings on 21 February, 27 February or 29 March.

The coffee mornings each begin with a short presentation at 10.30am, outlining details of the opportunities that are currently available. Afterwards you'll be able to meet some of our current volunteers to discuss specific roles in more detail and find out what volunteering means in practice.

We provide a full induction programme and training and in return you get the chance to learn new skills, work in an amazing place and know that you're helping a great cause.

To find out more about the coffee mornings and to reserve your place, please go to <http://knole-volunteering.eventbrite.co.uk>

To discuss our volunteering roles further, please contact the Knole People Team on knolevolunteers@nationaltrust.org.uk or phone 01732 467162.

Care Navigators

Looking for some office experience or to use your existing skills? Confident with computers and talking to people on the phone?

The Imago Care Navigator team in are looking for volunteers to carry out evaluations with clients over the telephone, record comments and update spreadsheets. This is a greatly valued service and collecting feedback helps develop and improve future activities.

The team are looking for volunteers in both their Sevenoaks and Gillingham offices and full training is provided. We anticipate the role will require a commitment of 2 half days per week.

For more information, contact sharon.overy@imago.community or phone 01892 530330



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Want to be active and
get outside?

Check out the new
www.khwp.org.uk website
for volunteering information
and event details



Brain Injury Support



Support volunteers required for our Hawkhurst drop in sessions

Friday's 11am-12.30pm

Grove Mills, Cranbrook Road, Hawkhurst TN18 4AS

Drop in sessions provide an opportunity for people with a brain injury, their carers and family to get together in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

- Contact Kate on 01892 619001 or dropin@headwaywestkent.org for more information



Headway West Kent, 3 Culverden Park, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 9QT
www.headwaywkent.org (Charity no. 1062884)



Kent Association for the Blind

Supporting sight impaired people to live independent lives

Kent Association for the Blind are looking to recruit a volunteer visitor to visit a client in Tonbridge who has a passion for opera, poetry, literature and history. This is a lovely way to volunteer and make a big difference to the life of someone else.

If you are available an hour or so once a fortnight then please contact Jo Wilkinson on 01622 691357 or email jo.wilkinson@kab.org.uk for more details.

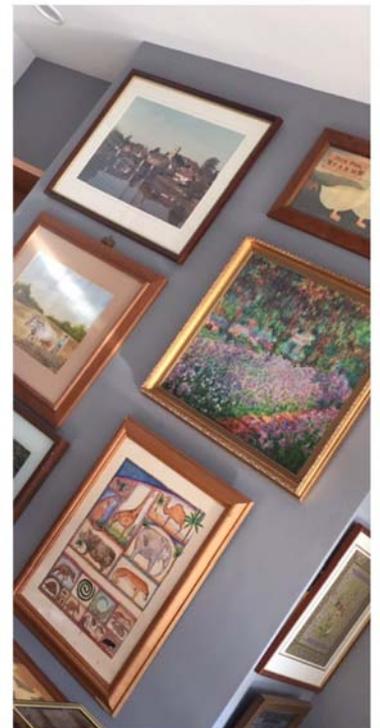
I'M A CHARITY SHOP

I'm A Charity Shop has just launched it's charity bookshop in Crescent Road, Tunbridge Wells and is looking for an enthusiastic person to volunteer on Fridays 10am-2pm.

The team are also looking for a volunteer for Saturdays at the Monson Road store, flexible hours.

Contact

sally.simms@imago.community or 01892 530330 for details.



Arts and Crafts Volunteer Required

Are you creative and would like to share your passion for art and craft?

Are you able to spare a minimum of one afternoon a week?

We are looking for a volunteer to inspire a group of people with a range of disabilities to discover the fun and sense of achievement that making or painting something can bring.

Applicants must have experience in various creative media but a formal qualification is not necessary. You should also have a good sense of humour, be patient and be adaptable and friendly.

If you would like to find out more, please contact:

Judith Williams, Compaid

t: 01892 834539

e: judith.williams@compaid.org.uk

or visit our website www.compaid.org.uk



Join our team in providing vital support for members of our community who are experiencing domestic abuse across West Kent

MAKE A DIFFERENCE - BECOME A VOLUNTEER



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We are currently recruiting for:

Domestic Abuse Advisors and Helpline Advisors

We provide training and development to ensure you gain all the skills and knowledge you need. You'll also be part of a friendly team of like-minded people.

We are also seeking volunteers with skills in Admin, Marketing & Social Media or Fundraising

INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED?

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WEBSITE: DAVSS.ORG.UK EMAIL: OFFICE@DAVSS.ORG.UK

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Make volunteering for Ightham Mote your New Year's resolution

Volunteer Open Sessions at Ightham Mote

Tuesday 21 February, 10.30am
Monday 27 February, 10.30am
Saturday 25 February, 10.30am—Coffee Morning

Do you have some time to spare? Do you want to be part of a friendly team in a beautiful location? Are you looking for something to do in your spare time or something to add to a CV? Then why not join our volunteer team.

Contact Iain Sanders on iain.sanders@nationaltrust.org.uk or 01732 810378 ext.130 to register your interest.

Ightham Mote, Mote Road, Ivy Hatch, Sevenoaks TN15 0NT
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/Ightham-mote

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Volunteer with the ATE Trust



Who are we?

We are the ATE Trust.

We run summer camps. We've been doing so for 50 years. Our camps are called Superweeks and involve a group of children and adults living together for a week; playing games, doing activities, making friends, learning new skills and forming a community.

Superweeks take place during school holidays; they involve people from all over the UK and mainly take place in the West Midlands. We also work with schools and run activities at festivals.

Monitor Training Course

A Monitor is what we call a group leader. We run our own 7 day intensive training course. It involves packed days where you will meet and learn from ATE staff members experiencing first-hand the benefits of the residential experience.

Your days will be filled with both practical sessions as well as interactive seminar-based discussion, covering how to run activities, pastoral care and the educational ethos promoted by ATE. You will learn a wealth of resources and skills that can be used far beyond Superweeks and ATE.

The course costs £170- this money goes to the rent of the facilities and food for trainees.

2017 Monitor Training: 10th - 17th April 2017 at Edgmond Hall, Telford



Being a Monitor

As a Monitor you will lead a group of children. You will build a team from strangers- with responsibility for their activity programme and their welfare and happiness. You will be with them throughout the week supporting them, being a role model and having fun!

Monitors come from all walks of life. Some are students, plenty work in education, and others have never worked with children before but wanted to try something different. As a Monitor you will develop skills in leadership, problem solving, team building, emotional awareness, communication, initiative and autonomy. Most of them without even realising it!

Many Monitors stay with ATE and come back every year.

To find out more or apply to be a Monitor visit www.superweeks.co.uk/supertraining or email jeremy@ate.org.uk. You can also ring our office on 08454561205.

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OUT IN THE
COMMUNITY?

ENJOY SPORT AND
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY?

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EXPERIENCE OR JUST
GIVE A LITTLE OF YOUR
TIME?

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VOLUNTEERS IN YOUR AREA - NO
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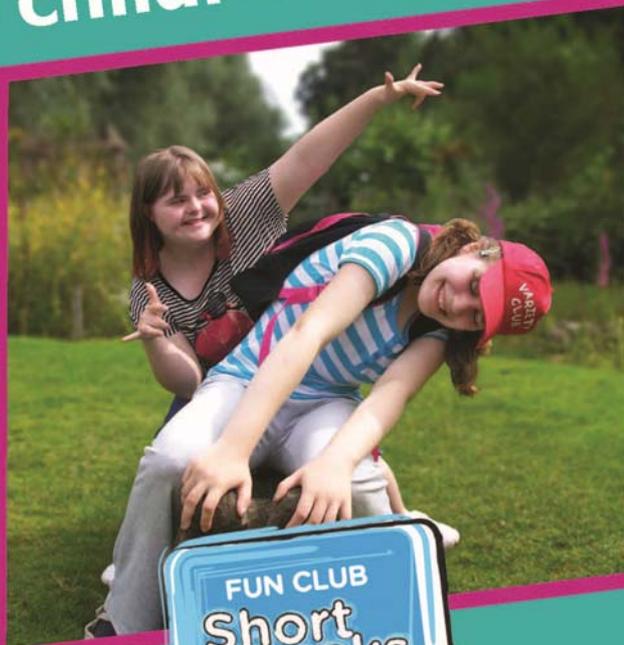


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Kent Young Carers support children and young people who look after somebody in their family who has an illness, disability, mental health issue or substance misuse problem. Staff and volunteers at Chill Clubs support the young carers to come together in a social setting to have fun, learn new skills, and make friends.

Activities include cooking, sports (especially football), games, arts and crafts, workshops and music.

Kent Young Carers deliver Chill Clubs in Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge, Sevenoaks, Swanley, Dartford and across Kent.

**To find out how to get involved, contact volunteering@imago.community
or phone 0300 111 1110**

To find out more about volunteering in your local community,
please get in touch

Tonbridge, Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells



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