

West Kent Volunteer Centre



It's nearly Volunteers' Week

Have you got Volunteers' Week in your diary? It takes place from 1st-7th June and it's the annual campaign to thank the millions of volunteers across the UK. The strapline this year is 'you make the difference'.

Some organisations run events while others post messages on social media.

At Imago we always get involved and will be having celebration events for our own volunteers and retweeting messages from local organisations.

If you volunteer and would like us to share your story on social media during Volunteers' Week, contact us at volunteering@imago.community.

To find out more about Volunteers' Week sign up on the [website](#) and follow @NCVOvolunteers on twitter for updates on plans for 2017.

This month's focus gardening

VOLUNTEER GARDENER



Would you enjoy an
afternoon volunteering in
our beautiful garden

Headway West Kent needs a gardener to work alongside those who use our services on a Tuesday afternoon. We would love to hear from keen amateur gardeners or professionals.

Headway West Kent
3 Culverden Park, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 9QT
Charity no. 1062884

www.headwaywestkent.org

If you are interested please contact Rob:
01892 619001 OR
buddy@headwaywestkent.org



We are seeking a
Volunteer Market Gardener

Location: Near Sevenoaks, Kent, UK

Salary: voluntary position

Hours: 2 days per week; 6 hours per day

Our organic market garden grows produce for our Conference Centre and local customers, and is an educational resource for our 5,000 school children who visit Bore Place each year. It is also home to Grow to Grow our programme supporting young people from age 14-24 by offering therapeutic services alongside practical work based opportunities in the garden.

We are looking for a gardener to work with our Market Gardener and the wider team planting, growing and harvesting fruit and vegetables in the garden.

Working alongside our Market Gardener, you will need to be available to volunteer regularly and have experience of planting, growing and harvesting crops. By joining us you will be part of a friendly and dedicated team supporting our charitable projects and educating young people.

This position is subject to a DBS check.

For further information and an application pack please contact Steph Rueff

StephR@boreplace.org 01732 463255

www.boreplace.org



Bore Place is home of the Commonwork Trust (reg. charity 1160725 & company 09254227) & Commonwork Organic Farms Ltd (reg. company 1977080)

Helping older people maintain their independence

Do you have green fingers?

We have a number of older tenants in our Emerald accommodation who need support with their (very) small patches of garden for a couple of hours a week.

Could this be you?



If so please phone Vanessa Nicholls on 01732 7412550 or email vanessa.nicholls@wkha.org.uk

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**CALLING ALL GREEN-FINGERED
FRIENDS!**

Trinity
Gardening Club

Trinity's historic grounds and gardens are one of its most important and precious features, enjoyed by the whole community. We're always looking for volunteers to help us maintain this outdoor space.

Fancy lending a hand?

Want to meet like-minded people?

CONTACT: JOCELYN@TRINITYTHEATRE.NET



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Volunteer with us

Current opportunities in:

**Coffee Shop Charity Shops Fundraising/Marketing
Social Media Events**

Why not help out at our Family Fun Day? We are looking for some volunteers to come and help us at the Family Fun Day at Peppenbury in Pembury on Saturday 24th June. The event runs from 12-4pm but you don't need to be here for the whole event.

Please contact Peppenbury's Volunteer Co-ordinator Sue by email suelawrence@peppenbury.info or call 01892 822 168.

Volunteers Needed

We are a local disability charity based in Paddock Wood looking for volunteers to support our work.

Computer Assistants - Support our clients to learn or relearn a wide variety of computer skills in a fun and informal way. Activities may include playing games, using art or photography software and sending an email.

Arts and Crafts Volunteer - Are you creative and would like to share your passion for art and craft? We are looking for a volunteer one afternoon a week 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.

Volunteer Driver: - driving a specially adapted minibus to collect people from home to go to day centres, on shopping trips and to social events.

To find out more contact

Judith Williams, H R Administrator, t: 01892 538345, judith.williams@compaid.org.uk
www.compaid.org.uk



Kent Community Health

NHS Foundation Trust

Opportunity: Clerical & Admin Volunteer, Cranbrook Community Clinic, Jockey Lane, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 3JN

- To assist the staff in the general organisation of the office, preparing equipment such as gloves and aprons for the nurses to take out on their rounds.
- Undertaking suitable tasks that the nurses usually do themselves.
- The team consist of 2 teams of community nurses are based at Cranbrook a total of 12 nurses and we have a part time clerk who does 25 hours a week.

Between Monday – Friday for no more than 4 hours per week.

Contact name: Maria S Swaby
Main telephone: 01474 360508

Email: maria.swaby@nhs.net

Eden Valley Museum Trust
A social history museum in west Kent



What we need:

- Learning and Outreach Volunteer
- Design and Graphics Volunteer
- Marketing and Social Media Volunteer

What you'll get from volunteering:

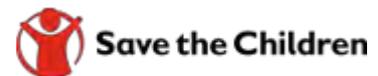
We can offer you the chance to gain experience within the museum sector whilst learning and acquiring new skills. You can give as much time you'd like and can choose what parts of the project you'd like to be involved with.

We particularly welcome applications from people with a passion for working in the Arts, Heritage and Cultural sectors.

As well as more specific roles, we can provide a programme of work that offers a broad experience across the museum's departments, giving a good overview of the different roles of these departments and the skills necessary to work within them.

For more information and to apply, please visit <http://evmt.org.uk/> or email learning@evmt.org.uk

MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY VOLUNTEER WITH US



Organise or support a local fundraising event or collection

Run, jump, climb, walk, cycle, swim Complete a challenge for Save the Children

Promote our fundraising campaigns, like Christmas Jumper Day

Become a volunteer speaker

Campaign for change

To find out more, contact Jan, your local volunteer community coordinator at

jancobley.save@outlook.com or visit www.savethechildren.org.uk

YLF Mentoring | Making a Difference

Our volunteer mentors motivate, boost self-esteem, build confidence and support young people to take ownership of their lives, by increasing school attendance and reducing exclusion rates, encouraging people into employment and reducing anti-social behaviour.



The mentoring has benefitted Ben a lot. We find that Ben is calmer and better behaved at home since he has had a mentor and he really enjoys the mentoring. Ben needs the 1 to 1 attention and support and he cannot always get that at home as we are a large family.” Tracey | Ben’s Mother

YLF mentors want to make a difference to the lives of young people within the community and are hugely valued by the YLF team for the front line work they deliver on a daily basis. The volunteer mentors work with the young person for periods of up to six months and set, with the young person, agreed and realistic goals.

“It’s been really great that YLF has been able to introduce mentors to some of my families and it’s fantastic they have engaged so well with the young people, especially with a couple of the young lads I support who don’t have a positive male role model in their lives.” Sandra | FIP worker

To volunteer with YLF or find out more, visit our website: www.ylf.org.uk or call 01622 693459

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Making a Difference

The Kent, Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company provide a range of probation services for adult service users on community orders or licences. Our aim is "to change lives and inspire public confidence by cutting crime".

Do you believe people make mistakes and everybody deserve a chance to change their life for the better? If you are:

- Empathetic – able to understand their perspective;
- Assertive – able to help them make decisions and find routes of assistance;
- Reliable – to be there to help the Service User when agreed/required

If you think you have these abilities we need your time to help and support our Service Users to make positive changes to their lives, as well as your local communities. It is a challenging but rewarding experience and ultimately reduces the potential for reoffending.

You will spend time getting to know the service users, taking an interest in their lives, supporting them emotionally and practically through advocacy work and providing some consistency at a difficult time. If you are thinking of starting a career in criminal justice, substance misuse, debt, advocacy and counselling, this opportunity gives you the ability to gain new skills and an invaluable experience. Or you may like to use your own personal experiences to help support others, or would simply like to give back to the community whilst still learning new skills.

The volunteer unit provides supervision to our volunteers and ongoing training. Out of pocket expenses, including travel will be reimbursed.

Nicholas Blyth, Volunteer Coordinator, KSS CRC Ashford Office, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent TN23 1 PL 01233 615597 EXT: 5396



Kenward Trust's alcohol and drug treatment and rehabilitation programmes have helped thousands of people transform their lives.

Want to make a difference in your local community.

Can you spare a few hours?

We have a variety of interesting volunteer opportunities that would allow you to give the gift of time and make a real difference to the lives of people affected by alcohol and substance misuse.

Please visit our website kenwardtrust.org.uk for full information on current opportunities and to download an application form.

**Kenward trust.org.uk
01622 814187**

Help People Live Well across Kent

At Live Well Kent we help people improve their mental and physical health and wellbeing. It is a free new service for anyone over 17.

We're looking for dedicated volunteers who can mentor or offer peer support to the people who come to us for help.

**To find out more, contact us on:
volunteers@shaw-trust.org.uk
0300 247 2222**



**Join thousands of volunteers who are
uniting with us against dementia**



Alzheimer's Society is the UK's leading dementia charity providing expert information, training and support services to all those who need our help.

We need volunteers for:

- Carers group - Tunbridge Wells
- Day support service - Tunbridge Wells, Maidstone
- Fundraising
- Kent Memory Walk

To find out more visit our website: www.alzheimers.org.uk

Or call Rosie Hutchinson Volunteering Officer on: 01892 835541



Voluntary Helpline Advisor Vacancy

About the role

We are an independent and highly respected social inclusion charity based in Maidstone, Kent. In this office-based role you will help to deliver Unlock's peer-led Helpline, by providing advice and support by telephone, email and letter and producing information for our online Information Hub.

We're looking for somebody who.....

- Is a person with past convictions
- Is confident, with experience in a customer-facing role
- Has a passion for making a difference and challenging inequality
- Loves working in a small team but who is self-motivated enough to excel without heavy supervision
- Has excellent verbal, written and research skills and is able to communicate effectively with a wide range of people
- Is confident using computers (including use of internet and emails)
- Is able to commit to volunteering 2 days per week for at least 6 months
- Lives near to our Maidstone office; we have a limited travel budget but travel costs can be covered where agreed in advance (up to a maximum of £15 per day)

Interested?

Closing date - Friday 2nd June 2017

See the [Role Description](#) for more information about this position

If you wish to apply, please visit our website, complete a [Volunteer Application Form](#) and return it along with a covering letter

Send your application by email to admin@unlock.org.uk post it to Unlock, MCSC, 39-48 Marsham Street, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1HH

Trustee with book-keeping skills needed at NUMBER ONE COMMUNITY TRUST

Our community charity working on the most deprived estate in Tunbridge Wells - itself the most prosperous borough in Kent - needs a trustee with book keeping skills.

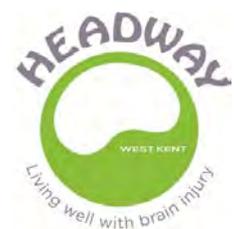
We are looking for someone – possibly recently retired - to look after the books at the Trust working with our Treasurer. Fund-raising experience would also be useful.

We run a popular local cafe and provide facilities for a pre-school and the local branch library. Recently we managed to recover the big local "village hall" which had been leased out to private organisations so that it could be used by the local community. It now provides facilities for fetes and fayres, dancing classes, games (basketball, badminton etc) , youth clubs, public meetings weddings and parties.

The chair of our Board - eight strong at the moment - previously managed a large agricultural charity in Mozambique - where she still has a monitoring interest. As well as our treasurer we include two businessmen (one a local councillor who also has interests in Africa and a former Government communications director plus four generalists with a variety of skills

The trust's immediate challenge is financial. In the past Number One has benefitted from local authority grants, support from the housing association and generous donations from local charities. The recent rounds of Government cuts have put severe pressure on all these sources of income.

Contact: Pat Wilson – Trustee Number One Trust – 01892 548904



Headway West Kent is a small, friendly registered charity providing information, support, and services to people who have sustained a brain injury, their family and carers. We are affiliated to the brain injury association, Headway UK.

We provide social, leisure and therapeutic activities to help people following a brain injury to live a life not dominated by their injury.

There is a small, dedicated and experienced staff group who are supported by an equally dedicated, talented and creative group of volunteers.

You can see more about us at: <http://www.headwaywestkent.org/>

The Board of Trustees are currently seeking people who would be interested in joining them in supporting the future of this charity. We meet every other month, on a Monday evening. People with backgrounds in business, enterprise, marketing and human resources would particularly enhance the current skill-mix of the Board. However we welcome approaches from people with other skills, experience or interests including those who have experience as a partner or carer of someone who has had a brain injury. The post of Trustee is a voluntary position.

Contact: Richard Witts - Acting Chair of Trustees 01892 619001 for more details



Could you support young carers to have time for themselves and socialise with their peers? 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; Chill Clubs meet in the early evening once a month in Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks and Maidstone. Activities include cooking, sports (especially football), games, arts and crafts, workshops and music.

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



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

Tonbridge, Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells



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