As the summer draws to a close why not beat the post holiday blues with a new volunteering challenge. Inside the September edition we feature opportunities with Imago, the Royal British Legion, Oxfam, Crossroads, Kenward Trust, Stag Theatre, Explore, Rockdale Housing Association, Leonard Cheshire and the Number One Community Trust.

Contact details are given with each advert but if you need to talk about volunteering more generally then call our volunteering team on 01892 530330 or email volunteering@imago.community.
Oxfam Sevenoaks needs you!

Volunteer in our shop for as little as four hours a week and you'll not only gain new skills - and new friends - you'll also help end poverty.

Come in and chat to our wonderful, friendly team. We would love to hear from you.

Contact Peter at 91 High Street, Sevenoaks, TN13 1LE on 01732 459804 or oxfamshopf4681@oxfam.org.uk
Kenward Trust
transforming lives, creating new futures

Kenward Trust’s alcohol and rehab programmes have helped thousands of people transform their lives.

We have several volunteer roles to offer;
- gardening
- woodwork
- art & crafts
- café front of house
- retail assistant
- mentoring

Visit the information stall at our Classics at Kenward Event on Sunday 17th September

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Kenward Road, Yalding, Maidstone ME18 6AH
Have you hours to spare and would like to make new friendships?

Come along and join our Cogs Club in Tonbridge as a VOLUNTEER, supporting people with a dementia in a small group where fun is our first priority

Cogs Club is for People with a Dementia

Crossroads offers 5 hours respite for carers through the Cognitive Stimulation group called Cogs Club. This group is for people with mild to moderate dementia and meets once a week from 10.00-3.00pm on a Wednesday. The club is held at the Six-in-one Club, Northwood Road, Tonbridge, TN10 3HH.

A light lunch and refreshments is provided during the day, also out of pocket expenses.

If you are interested please ring Maria Baynard or Jen Lane on 01622 817114 for a chat
MAKE A DIFFERENCE
VOLUNTEER FOR THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We are looking for Volunteer Caseworkers

Can you help support our Armed Forces Community?

Caseworkers directly support beneficiaries by meeting with them to assess their needs and circumstances, and complete the relevant paperwork to ensure they receive the support they are entitled to.

In this role you will gain valuable experience of providing information and one-to-one support to beneficiaries. You will also gain a working knowledge of statutory services and the benefits system, as well as understanding what the Legion provides, its mission, objectives.

You will work closely with your line manager, and receive full training.

Interested?
Get in touch to find out more!
Simply email jdonn@britishlegion.org.uk or make an enquiry through our contact centre on 0808 802 8080

LIVE ON
The Stag Community Arts Centre is recruiting volunteers to join their cheerful Front Of House Teams.

On Saturday 23rd September we will be running our next induction session. If you are interested in joining the volunteers this short (90 min) presentation will give you a tour of the areas that volunteers operate in and an introduction to the roles that our volunteers undertake.

Volunteering is a good way to meet new people and enjoy their company whilst being part of the Front of House team that ensures the safety and wellbeing of our audiences, as well as the opportunity to see the fantastic productions that are put on in the theatre.

Volunteers are given a parking permit and we offer a ‘rewards ticket’ scheme for volunteers to bring a friend to see a show or a film as a treat!

To find out more e-mail: Volunteers@stagsevenoaks.co.uk or phone: Mary Scott on 01732 466594
We are looking for a volunteer that could spare 2 hours a week every Tuesday between 10am and 12 to come along to our computer club in Beatrice Wilson, Sevenoaks and give our residents some basic lessons on how to use computers. You would assist residents to send emails, shop online and set up an email account. Some residents are interested in looking up their family trees so you could help them achieve this.

We already have one volunteer but need another as our previous lady has now retired. If you are interested or would like additional information contact Leanne Waters, Housing Officer, Rockdale Housing Association Ltd, Rockdale Lodge, Rockdale Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1JT. Tel: 01732 458762
WANTED: VOLUNTEER MARRIED COUPLES (ALL AGES) to help young people discover what it means to be in a lasting relationship like marriage:

Can you spare a few hours occasionally during a school day?

Could you both come into secondary schools in West Kent with us and answer students’ questions about marriage and relationships? Can you both talk openly and honestly in front of a class about what makes your relationship work? We will help you by giving you training, look after you in class and pay your travel expenses.

**WHY?**

To give them HOPE that despite the horrendous rate of relationship breakdown, their relationships can be different. Change young lives and their future relationships simply by talking about yourselves and passing on your experience.

“Explore is routinely described as transformational for the lives it touches.”

Explore CEO, Chris Ford, 2017.

We are a registered UK charity (1084226) which has been changing young lives for twenty years. Ring Ian Harkness at Explore anytime to find out more 075611 87693, or email him at ianharknessexplore@gmail.com.
Sobell Lodge is a home in Staplehurst for adults with physical needs, and some with complex needs. We urgently need volunteer drivers to enable our residents to go out and about in the community as it’s very difficult to access other forms of transport. Just a few hours a week, or month can make a lot of difference to their lives and enable them to participate fully in society.

There are also other volunteer roles available.

Contact: Vanessa Scott, Volunteer and Activities Co-Ordinator, Sobell Lodge Leonard Cheshire Disability Telephone: 01580 893729 Email: vanessa.scott@leonardcheshire.org

The popular Number One Community Trust café which serves the Showfields and Ramslye estates at 1 Rowan Tree Walk, Tunbridge Wells, is looking for a chef – and more local volunteers to serve the food.

Adverts in the Courier and at the Job Centre have so far failed to produce a replacement so the four volunteer waiters have been running the place themselves. All four - Nan Burgess, Pam Pilbeam, David Elmer and Evelyn Voller (last two pictured), live nearby and are members of the two local churches – St Marks and Broadmead – who founded the Trust twenty five years ago. David is the longest serving volunteer (eighteen years) followed by Nan. Pam chairs the Trust’s Social Committee which organises Christmas and Summer Fayres and regular – and very popular – neighbourhood quiz evenings.

If you are interested contact 01892 514544 or email onecommunity@btconnect.com.
Project Feature: Dial 2 Drive

Dial 2 Drive is Imago’s driving service. The service is there for people who are unable to use public transport independently. Volunteer drivers take our clients to medical appointments, shopping trips and social visits. The clients pay an annual membership fee and then pay enough to cover the volunteer’s mileage. The scheme takes older and less mobile people to their appointments, keeping them active and independent and part of their community. The service operates in west Kent.

Our community transport scheme needs to recruit more volunteer drivers in Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and surrounding villages.

If you would like to join our team of volunteer drivers please contact us on 0300 777 1200 or email driving@imago.community.

For more information go to: http://www.imago.community/Community-Services/Dial2Drive.