



# Volun-tees

## Organisation Newsletter February 2025

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Hello and welcome to the Volun-tees Organisation Newsletter. As our partners we would like to start touching base more regularly to showcase the amazing opportunities you are providing. You are making such a difference to our students and community, thank you!

### **Volun-tees Update**

Firstly, can we take this opportunity to introduce the newly formed Volunteering Team here at Teesside University. We have Jayne Golden as Volunteering Opportunities Manager along with Kate Dudley and Lindsey Mays as Volunteering Leads. The team have certainly hit the ground running and we have been able to onboard lots of new organisations and register some fantastic opportunities.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> February we welcomed eight organisations to the campus as part of our Volunteering Fair.

[Boro Angels](#)

[FareShare North East](#)

[Into University](#)

[North York Moors National Park](#)

[RDA Unicorn Centre](#)

[TU Global](#)

[Cleveland Police](#)

[RNID](#)

Each organisation had a table to promote their volunteering opportunities and feedback from the event was extremely positive. To quote some of the feedback:

***“Plenty of interest and sign ups from students” and “very satisfied with the information received, organisation of the event and how the event met my expectations”.***

If you would like to be at the next Volunteering Fair, please register your interest by emailing [volunteering@tees.ac.uk](mailto:volunteering@tees.ac.uk) so we can send you the booking form.

Over the next few weeks, we will be aiming to reach as many students as possible by getting out and about on campus on a “Volun-tees Roadshow”. This is to support students who need help with the platform or are interested in volunteering but not sure where to go. We will start off in the Student Life Building and take it from there. It will be a good opportunity for us to showcase the active opportunities we have available.

### **Organisation Update:**

Please can you log in to the [Volun-tees platform](#) to help make sure your profile is up to date. There may be some students who have reached out and are awaiting a callback or contact from you. We also need to ensure that your Public Liabilities Insurance is up to date. If a new certificate is needed, please can you upload this or send it to us at [volunteering@tees.ac.uk](mailto:volunteering@tees.ac.uk) and we can do it for you. We are always here to help, so if you would like any support or guidance please do reach out.



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## **Is there anything you need from us?**

Would you like a call? Any additional training? Is there anything we could be doing better? We would love to hear from you because you are all doing such wonderful things. Perhaps you would prefer us to visit you. With our roles comes lots of opportunities for us to be on panels, involved in meetings and liaison work throughout the sector. We love to be able to signpost and showcase you as organisations during these discussions to highlight the huge impact you are having.

## **Would you like to be a Case Study?**

We would like to develop this newsletter by including a regular case study feature. An opportunity to put yourselves in the spotlight and showcase the work you do. Show us the projects our volunteers have helped with and the difference this has made. If you would like to get on board, please email us at [volunteering@tees.ac.uk](mailto:volunteering@tees.ac.uk)

## **Next Steps:**

### **The Volun-cheers Awards**

Throughout the year, the student volunteers record their hours on the volun-tees platform, which you as organisations approve. The Volun-Cheer Awards of 2025 will be taking place in May in the Students Union to recognise the significant contributions our students have made. Alongside celebrating our students, we also like to recognise our outstanding organisations, mentors and individuals who have gone above and beyond to help others and their community. Time is of the essence, so please make sure you approve any pending hours on the platform. Nomination forms will be sent out in the next few weeks. If you do have an outstanding volunteer, this is a great opportunity to positively recognise their hard work and commitment.

### **Do Good, Feel Good**

We have a couple of Do Good, Feel Good events on campus in March. These are open to staff and students and led by the volunteering team. It is a great way to engage with students and keep them updated about the fantastic organisations we support and who support us.

#### **11<sup>th</sup> March – Do Good Feel Good, £1 Clothing Sale, 10-2pm Student Life Building**

Our **£1 Clothing Sale** will take place in line with our Sustainable Futures Strategy and the cost-of-living crisis. The aim of the sale is to prevent clothing, shoes, accessories etc going to landfill and help to support students and staff who are in need of clothing. A great sustainability and well-being project right on our campus. All monetary donations received will be gifted to a local charity called MAIN who support people with autism.

#### **13<sup>th</sup> March – Do Good, Feel Good, Easter Egg-stravaganza, 11-2pm, Student Life Building**

Spring is in the air and that means lots of Easter fun to be had. We are hosting an **Easter Egg-stravaganza**. Staff and students will come along and get creative, making Easter Hen Garlands and some woollen Easter chicks. Everything we make will be donated to Young at Heart ULO which provides opportunities for people living with dementia and their care partners to holistically support their quality of life.

### **This month's TOP TIP!**

Did you know, we can help to promote your events! If your organisation is holding activities or events and you would like to spread the word, please send a brief email with the details to [volunteering@tees.ac.uk](mailto:volunteering@tees.ac.uk) and we will circulate in newsletters and highlight on our social media pages.

Thank you from the Volunteering Team

