

## MEDIA & FILM



Project V

Project V is the Students' Union community volunteering scheme. Our aim is to offer University of Sussex students safe, supported and rewarding volunteering placements that benefit the local community.

We are keen to work with departments across the University of Sussex to encourage students to get involved in volunteering in their local community.

### Benefits for Media and Film Students:

- Increased employability
- Opportunity to develop new skills
- Opportunity to link degree study with real life experience

### What's on offer

We offer a huge choice of volunteering opportunities that range from conservation, to media to mental health. We have over 200 opportunities in the following areas:

ADMINISTRATION	ADVICE	ARTS / MEDIA
BLACK & ETHNIC MINORITIES	CHILDREN	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CONSERVATION	FUNDRAISING	HEALTH
HIV/AIDS SUPPORT	HOMELESSNESS	I.T.
LGBT SUPPORT GROUPS	LEARNING DISABILITIES	MENTAL HEALTH
SHOPS (CHARITY)	OFFENDERS	OLDER PEOPLE
PHYSICAL / SENSORY DISABILITIES	REFUGEES & ASYLUM SEEKERS	SPORTS DEVELOPMENT
SUBSTANCE MISUSE	WOMEN	YOUNG PEOPLE

### Matching and Advice

We provide a matching and advice service to help students find the right volunteering opportunity. Our drop-in is open 10am - 4.30pm Monday to Friday.



## Potential Projects for Media and Film Students:

### **Cinecity**

Cinecity is the Brighton Film Festival and screens a mixture of film and artists' moving image work including the best up and coming new feature films and documentaries, films by local film makers and students, shorts and archive programmes. Volunteers help to maintain the smooth running of the festival either by helping with gallery invigilation or helping with the box office.

### **Audioactive**

Audioactive provides training in the production of contemporary popular music for children and young people aged 8-25 yr, through in-house and outreach work in Brighton, Hove and throughout the South-East. Volunteers work to increase the organisation's visibility in a variety of ways: writing press releases, designing new leaflet and letterheads, updating the existing website and generally promoting the organisation.

### **Fabrica**

Fabrica is an art gallery in the heart of Brighton committed to promoting understanding of contemporary visual art and craft. Volunteers support Fabrica by working as information assistants in the gallery, as technical assistants during exhibition changeover, and as administration or research assistants. Volunteering with Fabrica can help students to build networks within the arts community and is great experience for a future career in arts administration.

(Please note that these are examples and we cannot guarantee that projects will be recruiting volunteers all year round but we have many more projects with a variety of client groups and communities across Brighton and Hove.)

## **Working with University Departments**

We are keen to develop our links with university departments so that more of your students can benefit from volunteering and also to explore the possibility of developing mutually beneficial links between community projects and university departments.

a) **Outreach Days:** New for 2010-11, we have instigated 'Outreach Days', the purpose of these being to renew and develop relationships between community organisations, University departments and Project V. Each academic term we will keep 2 days free to visit community organisations and University departments, or for community organisations/ University departments to visit us. The dates of these Outreach Days are posted on our website (under Information for University Departments). Please e-mail Michaela at [m.rossmann@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:m.rossmann@sussex.ac.uk) if you would like us to visit you, or wish to visit us.

b) **Student Talks:** We can provide short and informative talks for your students to advise them about the benefits that volunteering can bring. This includes dispelling some common myths that are held about volunteering and bringing into focus the need for work-relevant skills development.

## **Find out more about us**

You can find out more about us, the services we offer and what we've achieved in the past on our web pages, which include a page for University Departments:

[www.sussexstudent.com/volunteering](http://www.sussexstudent.com/volunteering)

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