

SCHOOL OF INFORMATICS



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 School of Informatics 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 students studying in the School of Informatics:

Age Concern IT Drop-In

Age Concern is a large charity that provides a variety of services and resources to older people. Volunteers assist in supporting older people in their use of computers in the drop-in centre, providing basic ICT support for the service users and also assist with other tasks within the centre.

Advice and Representation Centre (ARC), Students' Union

ARC offers independent, impartial and confidential information, advice, support and representation to all current and prospective Sussex students on practical and academic issues that may affect them during their studies. The key objective of the volunteer is to ensure that the ARC area of the Students' Union website is up-to-date, accessible, fun and informative.

DV8

DV8 manage a variety of youth training projects all based around the creative industries including music, video, radio, event promotion and magazine journalism. Their main client group is 16-19 yr olds not in education or employment. Volunteers maintain and develop DV8's web presence.

(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 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

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