Volunteer opportunities

**Do it! Community Partners** - if roles are available they will be advertised week 4-6 termly.

- Adult Education - Council
- Arboretum
- Barnardo's
- Churches Conservation Trust
- Friends of St Nicolas Fields
- Mencap
- Missing People
- National Trust - Treasurers House
- NRM
- NHS North Yorkshire and York PCT trust
- SNAPPY
- TCV
- Wilberforce Trust
- York Archaeological Trust
- York Museums Trust
- York Libraries
- York Minster Library
- York Youth Support
- Samaritans

**Other volunteer organisations**

**Volunteer in the Arts and Heritage Sectors**

- [Joseph Rowntree Theatre](#) has a number of options available for the theatrically-minded: backstage crew, front of house stewarding, publicity assistant and other opportunities.
- [Upstage Centre Youth Theatre](#) is a volunteer run youth theatre group which provides young people with fun, challenging learning experiences in the arts, and offers a variety of ways for volunteers to get involved.
- [Yorkshire Sculpture Park](#) seeks to provide a centre of international, national and regional importance for the production, exhibition and appreciation of modern and contemporary sculpture. Opportunities include Art and Landscape Volunteers, Learning Programme Volunteers and Landscape Volunteers.
- [York Theatre Royal Youth Theatre](#) has occasional openings for volunteers with their popular programme.

**Volunteer with Children and Young People**

- [Funfishers](#) offer out of school provision for 5 to 11 year olds in the Fishergate area of York.
- [Girl Guiding](#) offers young women and girls a wide range of exciting opportunities. Volunteers help out with Rainbows, Brownies and Guides and can get involved with sports coaching, fund management, trips, or even run websites and plan events. Contact the [North East Co-ordinators](#) to find out about opportunities in York.
- [Network 2](#) provides voluntary mentoring for young people affected by social and school exclusion, exhibiting patterns of offending behaviour or at risk of offending.
- [Scouting](#) is a “learning by doing” organisation, offering fun activities and everyday adventures to young people across the UK. There are many local clubs who require enthusiastic volunteers, for example [1st Heworth Scouts](#), [Fulford Scout Group](#) and [Lidgett Grove Scout Group](#). Contact your local scout group for more information, or alternatively register your interest in volunteering through the [website](#).
- [STEM Ambassadors](#) undertake a whole range of activities to inspire young people in science, technology, engineering and maths. In Yorkshire STEM Ambassadors are co-ordinated by the [North Yorkshire Business Education Partnership (NYBEP)](#).
Volunteer on Conservation and Environmental Projects

- **OPAL (Open Air Laboratories)** encourages people to get back in touch with nature by enabling them to explore and study their local environments. An extensive list of opportunities can be viewed on their website.

- **Hob Moor** is one of the ancient commons of York and one of York’s four local Nature Reserves. The [Friends of Hob Moor](http://www.friendsofhobmoor.org.uk) work for the conservation and improvement of the moor, research its history and ecology and promote it as an open space to be enjoyed by the people of York. To get involved, contact The Friends of Hob Moor on 01904 703970 or register your interest on the [website](http://www.friendsofhobmoor.org.uk).

- **York Cemetery Trust** provides opportunities for conservation, education and informal recreation within a protected environment close to York City Centre. Volunteers are needed to maintain and develop the site and provide help and guidance for visitors. Opportunities are advertised on the [volunteering pages](http://www.yorkcementeritrust.org.uk/volunteer) of the website.

- **The Yorkshire Wildlife Trust** works to protect wildlife and wild places, and educate, influence and empower people. A wide range of volunteering opportunities can be found on the [volunteering pages](http://www.wildlife.org.uk/volunteer) of the website, or alternatively email the [Volunteering Team](mailto:volunteering@ywlt.org.uk) for more information.

Volunteer in the Health and Social Welfare Sectors

- **Age UK York** offers companionship and social contact to older people. Current opportunities are listed on the website and you can contact the Community Befriending & Support Service Organiser on 01904 627995 or 621020.

- **Alzheimer’s Society** works to improve the quality of life of people affected by dementia. A variety of opportunities are offered for roles including befrienders, memory walks volunteers and activity group leaders, details of which are provided on the [regional volunteering pages](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/about-us/volunteering/our-volunteering-opportunities) of the website.

- **British Red Cross** is a volunteer-led humanitarian organisation that helps people in crisis in the UK and overseas. Opportunities are offered for a range of roles including care in the home, fire and emergency support service and therapeutic care volunteers. Visit the [volunteering pages](https://www.redcross.org.uk/volunteer) of the website for more information.

- **Refugee Action York** works to raise awareness of the contribution that refugees and asylum seekers make to our society, and offers a number of services in York. Activities include outreach work, campaigning, co-ordinating Refugee Week in York, a drop-in which offers language support for families, and running events and education sessions for schools. Volunteers are particularly needed to support the drop-in sessions. Email for more information.

- **St Leonard’s Hospice** is a specialist palliative care unit which aims to enhance the quality of life of patients suffering from life-threatening disease and to support their families. Volunteers must be 18+ and make a commitment of at least one year.

- **Sue Ryder Care** cares for people with end-of-life and long-term conditions such as motor neurone disease, cancer and dementia. Find out more about the [local fundraising team](http://www.suerder.org.uk/), or email to find out about current opportunities.

- **York Blind and Partially Sighted Society** is an independent local charity which works to help people with sight problems to be independent. Volunteer roles offered include home visiting, supporting activities and fundraising and collecting, further details of which are provided on the [volunteer pages](http://www.yorkblind.org.uk/volunteer) of the website. Alternatively, contact the [Volunteer Manager](mailto:volunteer@yorkblind.org.uk) for further information.

- **York Mind** supports people recovering from mental ill health through a varied programme of mentoring and social and work-related activities. Contact the [Volunteer Manager](mailto:volunteer@yorkmind.org.uk) to find out more.

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