



BITC SKILLED VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

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NBRN Emergency Requests

These are opportunities for volunteers to provide skilled support to build the capacity of the voluntary sector, enabling the sector to continue working as smoothly and efficiently as possible in the current climate.

Marketing and Social Media

Yorkshire Children's Centre

Location: Huddersfield

About us: Yorkshire Children's Centre supports children, young people and adults in Kirklees and surrounding areas. We aim to improve lives and inspire change. What began 40 years ago as one man's vision, is now a revolutionary network of practical projects, partners and services, dedicated to helping Kirklees residents achieve their full potential.

The Ask: At present the charity does not have an in house Marketing and Communications Team. The charity needs to raise its profile in the area to help raise awareness and funds and to encourage the community and businesses to get involved. We would love some help to create some compelling case studies that showcase the work of the charity that we can share

Duration/time: 1 – 2 volunteering days

Contact: Usha Manojkanth – usha.manojkanth@bitc.org.uk

Hope Nottingham

Location: Nottingham

The Ask: Website design. We need to overhaul our website to improve presentation, reflect our developing work and make it easier for customers to keep up to date with what services we are delivering.

Duration/time: Flexible to be agreed

Contact: Michelle Brannen michelle.brannen@bitc.org.uk

National Emergencies Trust

Location: London

About Us: The National Emergencies Trust (NET) is one of BITC's Network Partners. We are continuing to build our relationship for effective response together for future emergencies, including identifying opportunities for our members that supports NET.

The Ask: We are seeking support for the **surge capacity** required during emergencies.

Duration/time: TBD

Contact: Hannah Tankard – Hannah.tankard@bitc.org.uk

Safer Stronger Consortium (SCC) Cornwall

About Us: We are a Consortium of 26 organisations working in partnership to support victims of crime and abuse in Cornwall. Established in 2014, we work as a consortium to support victims, young people, women and men in need, include counselling services direct support for clients , also bring in guests to help the network understand how we can support victims better- with a strategic approach. We take referrals through a local Victim Support Network (VCN) and via local VCS organisations

The Ask: We would welcome any training/guidance on the effective use of Social Media, writing engaging content, scheduling content and best platforms to use.

Duration/Time: 1 day

Connections Manager: usha.manojkanth@bitc.org.uk

Risca CV-19 Volunteers

Location: Risca, Wales

About us: We are a recently formed group supporting those self-isolating to prevent loneliness, by running errands and making kindness calls 3 times per week. Our operations have rapidly expanded, we currently support 170 people around Risca and surrounding areas of Caerphilly. We have expanded our support into school uniform recycling, free packed lunches, digital inclusion training, Chair Yoga, creating and delivering craft packs, setting up an outdoor cinema and have established an emergency food bank.

The Ask: The group would like PR & Marketing Support to find alternative means to replace the huge qty's of leaflets and posters they currently rely on. Eg, to generate donations of food the group run a monthly

campaign called Tin on A Wall where specific streets are sent flyers encouraging them to leave non-perishable food donations at a specific location for collection. The group are using 7000 leaflets every 2 months which is expensive. They also rely on paper posters to promote their organisation.

Duration/time: 1 hour workshop

Contact: Simon Walters – simon.walters@bitc.org.uk /Bonnie Hall bonnie.hall@bitc.org.uk

Solo Housing – East Anglia

Location: Norfolk

About us: Solo Housing have been helping single people who find themselves with nowhere to live since 1985. We help a range of people, from those who simply need a roof over their head, to those who need regular help to overcome problems that they may be experiencing. At Solo we believe in people and our intention is to provide opportunities for those who pass through our door to improve their lives.

The Ask: Would like some support with marketing and publicity. They have recently devised their organisational values and would like to launch these in an impactful way across their networks.

Duration/time: 1 day

Contact: Simon Walters – simon.walters@bitc.org.uk

St Vincent's de Paul Society

Location: Cardiff

About us: St Vincent de Paul Society (England & Wales) is part of an international Christian voluntary network dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms by providing practical assistance to people in need.

The Ask: Support for a staff member with an overview and introduction to social media

Duration/time: ½ day

Contact: Simon Walters – simon.walters@bitc.org.uk /Bonnie Hall bonnie.hall@bitc.org.uk

St Peters Community Hall & Garden

Location: Cardiff

About us: A Community Hall and Secret Garden in the Cardiff suburbs who work with vulnerable adults helping them build confidence and self-esteem. We are a small charity in Fairwater Cardiff with a limited resource in terms of management team.

The Ask: We need help with developing our online presence (ideally to attract corporate sponsorship). We are trying to establish successful social media engagement and redesign our website. Our hall manager looks after social media and website but struggles. We need a mentor / helper who can guide our further development.

Duration/time: ½ day or more

Contact: Simon Walters – simon.walters@bitc.org.uk /Bonnie Hall bonnie.hall@bitc.org.uk

Ronald McDonald House Charities

Location: Cardiff

About us: We support families in our Houses. Our vision is for every child in hospital to have their families close by, and to ensure families are fully supported in our Houses and remain actively involved in their child's care

The Ask: Would like some professional help and guidance to raise awareness of the charity

- Social media – would be great to understand Facebook more as this is what we primarily use. Content creation, scheduling, best practice
- PR & Media – best practice, where to reach out, contacts to know

Duration/time: ½ day – 1day

Contact: Simon Walters – simon.walters@bitc.org.uk /Bonnie Hall bonnie.hall@bitc.org.uk

AVOW – Association of Voluntary Organisations in Wrexham

Location: Wrexham

About Us: AVOW is a third sector support organisation and is one of 19 in Wales. Their shared goal is to enable the Third Sector and volunteers across Wales to contribute fully to individual and community well-being, now and in the future.

The Ask: Would like help with a Marketing strategy and communications plan and possibly re-branding. The organisation has been through an organisational review and 4 departments have been amalgamated into one new one so we need to review our branding and communications. We have a marketing and communications officer who can implement this but we need assistance in the creation of a new marketing strategy.

Duration/time: 1-3 days

Contact: Simon Walters – simon.walters@bitc.org.uk /Bonnie Hall bonnie.hall@bitc.org.uk

Just Bring Yourself CIC

Location: Surrey, South East

About Us: We are a sustainable tourism venture in Surrey, providing fun, sustainable day trips and experiences to visitors seeking wellbeing through a great day out walking in the Surrey Hills. Our underlying message of environmental care is conveyed throughout the experience. We are particularly keen to ensure that children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds have access to the countryside as we believe that young people are the best teachers for their peers, parents and communities

The Ask: We have a defined purpose and audience, but just aren't getting the reach we need, we have almost completed a new website and keen to raise more awareness and bring in more interest from individuals for our services. We would welcome some support and guidance on how to better reach our audience.

Duration/Time: 1 hour call followed by ½ - 1 day support

Connections Manager: usha.manojkanth@bitc.org.uk

Abused Men in Scotland (AMIS)

Location: Scotland

About us: AMIS is Scotland's leading charity and helpline for male domestic abuse.

The Ask: Comms and Marketing support (especially if funding is won to allow more volunteers to be recruited and trained) including social media support with hands on guidance on how to utilise it.

Duration/time: Flexible to be agreed

Contact: Simon/Bonnie at nbrn.scotland@bitc.org.uk

Legal

Walworth Golden Oldies

Location: London

About Us: Based in a deprivation hotspot in Southwark, we work with older, shielding-age adults mainly from Black Caribbean backgrounds to provide a multi-purpose service where service users can socialise, take part in activities, have meals and receive advice on a range of issues.

The Ask: We are in need of a lawyer to give of his/her time to discuss advocacy issues with our users especially on the topic of Wills and Probate and Power of Attorney.

Duration/time: 3 days

Contact: Michelle Besa – michelle.besa@bitc.org.uk

New Ground Creations

Location: London

About Us: We offer programs for young people from early years through to 30, through the creation of white label websites.

The Ask: We are looking for legal guidance/advice on binding partnership agreements/ToR as a supplier to a subcontractor of a council funded opportunity. We need to understand more about our rights as a small business/social enterprise, about reseller rights. This will help us become stronger as a small business and more sustainable in the future with the knowledge to secure similar partnerships.

Duration/time: 3 days

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Duration/time: TBD

Contact: Hannah Tankard – Hannah.tankard@bitc.org.uk

HR

HIMMAH

Location: Nottingham

The Ask: Support with implementing staff development plans and staff training needs and how to make effective use of budget to pay for training needs to be met.

Duration/time: Flexible to be agreed

Contact: Michelle Brannen michelle.brannen@bitc.org.uk

Bestwood Park

Location: Nottingham

The Ask: Engaging the board. Undertake a skills analysis of the board and trustees to ascertain how they can best contribute to the organisation and identify the skills that are missing from the board.

Duration/time: Flexible to be agreed

Contact: Michelle Brannen michelle.brannen@bitc.org.uk

Bestwood Park

Location: Nottingham

The Ask: Volunteering Policies. As we undergo a significant period of growth, we will require more volunteers. We need support to review our existing volunteering policies and procedures and make sure they are fit for purpose.

Duration/time: Flexible to be agreed

Contact: Michelle Brannen michelle.brannen@bitc.org.uk

Action Together

Location: Rochdale

About us: Across Oldham, Rochdale and Tameside, there are thousands of people changing lives, improving neighbourhoods and contributing positively to our local area. Action together of the organisation who bring together the VCSE across the Rochdale borough.

The Ask: Action Together would like support with series of training opportunities to the groups they support, approximately 50 likely to attend.

The training to cover is:

- New employment support
- General HR
- Social media and modern marketing

This would ideally be on a Wednesday via zoom for approximately one hour/ one and a half hours

Duration/time: 1 – 2 hours

Contact: Simon Walters simon.walters@bitc.org.uk

Refuge

Location: London

About Us: On any given day Refuge supports more than 6,000 clients, helping them rebuild their lives and overcome many different forms of violence and abuse.

The Ask: We need support on the following areas:

- Equality and diversity consultancy- implementing a long-term action plan aligned with the business plan.
- Advice on rewards for staff- work we need to do to have fair basis to determine pay- what are the other elements which would make that beneficial for staff?
- Health and wellbeing resources and developing a wellbeing strategy- we have an increased need for staff support and recently identified a need for trauma support.
- Diversifying our training to ensure continued staff engagement

Duration/time: Tbc/ flexible

Contact: Michelle Besa – michelle.besa@bitc.org.uk

Trafford Domestic Abuse Services

Location: Trafford

The Ask: Trafford Domestic Abuse Services offers support to individuals and families living or working in the Trafford area who are suffering or who have suffered domestic abuse.

We need some support in training staff and team building. Staff training in confidence, resilience, and wellbeing. Team building and support training and team building day, in person, covid safe, bring everyone together, because of growth none of the staff know each other.

Duration/time: Flexible to be agreed

Contact: Bonnie Hall bonnie.hall@bitc.org.uk

Finance

Bristol Refugee Festival CIC

About Us: Since 2005 Bristol has been running events during Refugee Week to celebrate the contribution that refugees and asylum seekers bring to Bristol. Refugee Festival CIC was established in November 2017, to coordinate the ever-increasing programme of events. The festival is now a diverse programme of arts, cultural and educational events, bringing together incoming and host communities across the city, spanning several weeks every June.

The Ask: We need a **Treasurer** to join our Board as a non-executive Director, specifically to oversee the financial affairs of the organisation in line with good practice and in accordance with the governing document and legal requirements. You will be asked to report to the Board of Directors at regular intervals about the financial health of the organisation. You will help the organisation ensure that effective financial measures and procedures are in place and are appropriate for a Community interest company (CIC) and as a Director you will play a strategic role in the running of the organisation. The Festival Director currently carries out the day-to-day finance work using Quickbooks.

We offer

- Opportunity to be part of Bristol Refugee Festival CIC in its development.
- Possibility to use and develop your skills and knowledge to make significant positive changes to help raise awareness and create positive narrative for refugee and asylum seekers.
- Training opportunities in areas where you may wish to improve knowledge and skills.
- Opportunity to be part of a small but dedicated team.

Duration/Time: Attendance at quarterly 2-hour Board meetings through the year, virtual for now. Ad hoc support throughout the year average 1 day per month

Connections Manager: Usha Manojkanth – usha.manojkanth@bitc.org.uk

I.T./Tech

SATEDA

Location: Medway, Kent, South East

About Us: We are a direct support provider for victims of domestic abuse in Medway and Swale, Kent, South East England. Our mission is to end domestic abuse and enable women to end the cycle of domestic abuse and rebuild their lives, through education, support and advocacy. We provide a full journey of support to victims and survivors of domestic abuse, enabling them to take back control and break free from domestic abuse.

The Ask: We need someone who is able to make changes to our website. The site is currently in a mixed format with some coding. The changes have been decided they just need a skilled person to make them.

Duration/Time: 1-2hours

Contact: Usha Manojkanth usha.manojkanth@bitc.org.uk

Harbour Support Services

Location: North East

This charity working with survivors of domestic abuse would like support to either redesign, or get advice on their current website to help them know how to improve it in a redesign, and steps they need to take to do so.

The Ask: Website redesign or advice and scoping support for domestic abuse charity.

They have lots of ideas, but need professional advice to know how what works best for their unique needs working in the space of domestic abuse. Current website: <https://www.myharbour.org.uk>

Duration/Time: Flexible to be agreed

Contact: Bonnie Hall bonnie.hall@bitc.org.uk

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Duration/time: TBD

Contact: Hannah Tankard – Hannah.tankard@bitc.org.uk

Hestia

Location: London

About Us: Hestia is the largest provider of support for victims of modern slavery in London and the Southeast. We currently have 900 women in this service.

The Ask: We would like a business to partner with us on adopting online safe spaces and promoting to their networks a free widget for their front-facing website

Duration/time: TBA

Contact: Michelle Besa – michelle.besa@bitc.org.uk

Iconic Steps

Location: London

Type of Support: Website development

About Us: We produce high quality videos for companies, and we train young people to do the same

The Ask: We need to update our website to make it easier for young people outside of our referral partners to access our services.

Duration/time: 3-5 days

Connections Manager: Michelle Besa – michelle.besa@bitc.org.uk

Cardiff Third Sector Council (C3SC)

Location: Cardiff

Type of Support: Website support

About Us: We provide specialist advice, support and information to local third sector organisations on issues that effect them, including funding, governance, volunteering and participation.

The Ask: We need support with Website Hosting. We received a Microsoft \$2,500 credit as a charity. We are currently working on migrating our physical servers data to SharePoint/Azure AD, but we urgently need support to review and possibly terminate the current webhosting arrangements and create a hosted WordPress instance acquired from Microsoft Azure; so our hosting costs to be absorbed by the Azure not for profit credits.

Duration/time: unknown

Connections Manager: Simon Walters – Simon.walters@bitc.org.uk

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The Ask: We need some support to update the written content on our website <https://www.saferstronger.com>. Current site is hosted on WordPress, we need to update detail on who our partner organisations are, keeping to current branding, style and design, Highlight partners and projects and raise more awareness of our trauma informed work. We have content, although may need some marcomms insight to rewrite/make more appealing.

Duration/Time: 2-3 days

Connections Manager: Usha Manojkanth – usha.manojkanth@bitc.org.uk

Sewak Housing Services Ltd (Women's Refuge)

Location: Slough, South East

About us: We are an SME Women's Refuge in Slough born out of passion and realising the need in supported housing services for female survivors of domestic abuse in and around Slough/Berkshire. There is an ongoing high need for support locally and we are one of few organisations able to help in the area, we sometimes are having to decline referrals due to lack of accommodation space as well as capacity to support more women.

We have been running for 5 years, support 9 women and their children in the refuge at the moment, as well as up to 30 others through outreach services. We take referrals through the local council and other partners. Many of our beneficiaries are from Black, Asian or other Minority Ethnic background and come from across Berkshire.

The Ask: We need support to develop marketing/communication content for a new website, to help get our name out there, be known to more local communities and raise awareness of what we do for those who could look to us for support from the BAMER community, as well as gauge more support from funders, supporters and potential donors.

Duration/Time: 1 day/ 7 hours to discuss and develop

Connections Manager: usha.manojkanth@bitc.org.uk

Scottish Women's Aid

Location: Scotland

The Ask: Scottish Women's Aid is the lead organisation in Scotland working towards the prevention of domestic abuse. We would like A volunteer with fundraising and donor software management skills to develop our donor management systems.

Duration/Time: Flexible to be agreed

Contact: Simon/Bonnie at nbrn.scotland@bitc.org.uk

Project Management

Bestwood Park

Location: Nottingham

The Ask: Bestwood Park is approaching a period of significant growth with new outdoor space being developed, a new building being acquired and transformed, and they have ambitious plans to set up new business models. Having a robust business plan and project plan in place is critical. The long-term plan is to reduce the reliance on funding, therefore the opening of the new areas of the organisation need to be managed correctly.

Duration/time: Flexible to be agreed

Contact: Michelle Brannen michelle.brannen@bitc.org.uk

Bestwood Park

Location: Nottingham

The Ask: Setting up a Community Café. Support in setting up and developing a customer base, and thinking creatively about its USP including developing skills, supporting job creation and using locally sourced food.

Duration/time: Flexible to be agreed

Contact: Michelle Brannen michelle.brannen@bitc.org.uk

Bestwood Park

Location: Nottingham

The Ask: Setting up a Community Shop. Get the shop off the ground including space needed, store layout, resourcing, sourcing food, pricing model etc.

Duration/time: Flexible to be agreed

Contact: Michelle Brannen michelle.brannen@bitc.org.uk

HIMMAH

Location: Nottingham

The Ask: Development of budget, business plan and fundraising strategy.

Duration/time: Flexible to be agreed

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Charity Governance

Catalyst Stockton

Location: County Durham, North East

About Us: Catalyst is the voice representation and support for Stockton-on-Tees' Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector. We work with a wide variety of organisations in Stockton-on-Tees, to find innovative solutions that help them to continually improve and thrive.

The Ask: We have a Board of experienced Trustees with a wide range of backgrounds and experiences, who advise me, and hold me and the rest of the team to account. Right now, we're particularly interested in someone with a finance/accountancy qualification, perhaps a qualified Chartered Accountant, joining the Board. Trustees enable a voluntary sector organisation to have access to a real breadth of experience. In return, they gain a tremendous insight into the voluntary sector, skills and fulfilling experiences that can help them in other areas of their working life. Role description and further details available.

Duration/time: 2 - 3 hours a month, for one meeting.

Contact: Michelle Brannen michelle.brannen@bitc.org.uk

Strategy and Operations

Humraaz

Location: North West

About Us: Humraaz Support Services is led by and for black & minoritised Women. Humraaz helps hundreds of women affected by domestic violence every year. We support women to move from crisis to safety and independence. We also work with women in the community as we believe in "educate a woman and you educate a nation". This is crucial to bring about social change.

The Ask: Website support and development. Our website expires **in October**, and we need some support with developing our website. 786 Media hosts our website and the software used is WordPress, website designed by CharityBox.io

Duration/time: 1 day

Contact: Michelle Besa – michelle.besa@bitc.org.uk

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Location: Trafford

About us: Trafford Domestic Abuse Services offers support to individuals and families living or working in the Trafford area who are suffering or who have suffered domestic abuse

The Ask: Change management is a key priority, to manage it the best we can. Going back to a normal way of working with service users. We need advice on change management within the organisation. Detail TBD

Duration/time: Flexible to be agreed

Contact: Bonnie Hall – bonnie.hall@bitc.org.uk

Fundraising Support

Hope Nottingham

Location: Nottingham

The Ask: Fundraising strategy. Our current funding position is very strong. This has enabled us to develop and grow our work, but we need to ensure we have medium-longer term funding support.

Duration/time: Flexible to be agreed

Contact: Michelle Brannen michelle.brannen@bitc.org.uk

Queenscourt Hospice

Location: Southport

About us: Queenscourt Hospice is a local charity that provides support for the people of West Lancs, Southport and Formby. We care for patients with serious illnesses, enabling them to achieve the best possible quality of life at each new stage.

The Ask: Support to develop Corporate Partnerships. As a result of the pandemic our fundraising is down by 68% compared to this time last year, and as a small charity with a big reach, this loss has hit us hard. We have never had a dedicated resource within our Fundraising Team to develop key Corporate Partnerships to increase income around sponsorship, and 'Charity of The Year' support, and we recognise that this is a vital area of fundraising that we are missing out on.

Duration/time: 1 - 2 volunteering days or ongoing

Contact: Simon Walters – simon.walters@bitc.org.uk

Sewak Housing Services Ltd (Women's Refuge) - Slough

Type of Support: SME sustainable income generation strategy development

About us: We are an SME running a Women's Refuge in Slough, born out of passion and realising the need for supported housing services for female survivors of domestic abuse in and around Slough/Berkshire.

There is an ongoing high need for support locally and we are one of few organisations able to help in the area, we sometimes are having to decline referrals due to lack of accommodation space as well as capacity to support more women. We need to secure another accommodation.

We have been running for 5 years, support 9 women and their children in our refuges at any given time, as well as up to 30 others through outreach services. We take referrals through the local council and other partners. Our beneficiaries are mainly from Black, Asian or other Minority Ethnic backgrounds as well as Refugees (BAMER) and come from across Berkshire.

The Ask: We are seeking support to develop a robust funding/income generation strategy. The past year has been tricky with a cut in staff costs. Also as a not-for-profit Private Ltd company we have very limited opportunities for income generation compared to a Charity, so we would welcome support to identify new opportunities for income generation. We are also looking to establish ourselves as a CIC. This will help to establish ourselves in the not-for-profit sector and to continue with existing services as well as expand our services and capacity to help more survivors as we see a rise in need.

Duration/Time: Initially 1 day advice/guidance

Connections Manager: usha.manojkanth@bitc.org.uk

Cambridgeshire Women's Aid

Location: Cambridge, East of England

About Us: Provides dedicated and specialist services to women and children affected by domestic abuse

The Ask: Seeking expertise on sustainable business/funding models. The Women's Charitable Sector faces challenges around funding as Local Authorities move towards funding gender neutral services. Expertise in income diversification would be helpful, i.e could they invest in property and rent it out for a reliable income?

Duration/time: ½ day to 3 days

Contact: Simon Walters – simon.walters@bitc.org.uk

Hestia

Location: London

About Us: Hestia is the largest provider of support for victims of modern slavery in London and the Southeast. We currently have 900 women in this service.

The Ask: We would like to partner with an organisation interested in fundraising for us.

Duration/time: TBA

Contact: Michelle Besa – michelle.besa@bitc.org.uk

Community groups across the East of England

Location: East of England

The Ask: We have several organisation seeking business volunteer support to help identify sources of financial support. Funding from £5000 - £200K is required by different groups. A volunteer with knowledge of corporate trusts is sought to undertake some research and compile a document to help community groups identify potential sources of funding.

Duration/time: 1-5 days

Contact: Simon Walters – simon.walters@bitc.org.uk

Cerebral Palsy Cymru

Location: Cardiff

About us: We are a national centre of excellence for families in Wales with children who have cerebral palsy. Our specialist team of physiotherapists, occupational therapists and speech and language therapists work together to offer transdisciplinary skills, so each child, benefits from their combined expertise. As a charity that needs to raise 3/4 of its annual income through fundraising and retail, the pandemic has had a shattering impact. We are therefore always looking to diversify and seek new opportunities to raise the income needed to reach the children in Wales who have cerebral palsy who need our support.

The Ask: We require a business volunteer with knowledge of corporate foundations that we could apply to.

Duration/time: 1 days

Contact: Simon Walters – simon.walters@bitc.org.uk / Bonnie Hall bonnie.hall@bitc.org.uk

Risca CV-19 Volunteers

Location: Risca, Wales

About us: We are a recently formed group supporting those self-isolating to prevent loneliness, by running errands and making kindness calls 3 times per week. Our operations have rapidly expanded, we currently support 170 people around Risca and surrounding areas of Caerphilly. We have expanded our support into school uniform recycling, free packed lunches, digital inclusion training, Chair Yoga, creating and delivering craft packs, setting up an outdoor cinema and have established an emergency food bank.

The Ask: We are looking for support with writing funding applications to help us keep up with our work and generate more income through grants and donations to meet the growing local need. A one-hour workshop containing tips and best practice would be really beneficial.

Duration/time: 1 hour workshop

Contact: Simon Walters – simon.walters@bitc.org.uk/Bonnie Hall bonnie.hall@bitc.org.uk

Mentoring

Shaw Trust

Location: London

About Us: We are a social purpose organisation challenging inequality and breaking down barriers to enable social mobility.

The Ask: We have the following virtual volunteering opportunities- help our clients setting up in business by sharing professional expertise, host an employability skills workshop for job seekers and help NEET young people to explore and understand the world of work through coaching.

Duration/time: TBA

Contact: Michelle Besa – michelle.besa@bitc.org.uk

Shaw Trust

Location: London

About Us: We are a social purpose organisation challenging inequality and breaking down barriers to enable social mobility.

The Ask: We are interested in talking to organisations that share our mission for better access to opportunity. We have long experience in supporting disadvantaged people to take the next step in their career journey. We are well positioned to create multi-level partnerships- this might include tailored leadership development opportunities for staff, guidance and accreditation towards become a Disability Confident employer.

Duration/time: TBA

Contact: Michelle Besa – michelle.besa@bitc.org.uk

Cambridgeshire Women's Aid

Location: Cambridge

About Us: Provides dedicated and specialist services to women and children affected by domestic abuse

The Ask: Seeking governance mentorship for trustees who can sometimes feel overwhelmed with things like financial forecasts. Volunteers could help produce an induction plan for new board members which would include sessions covering governance and everything else they would need to know to govern well

Duration/time: ½ day to 3 days

Contact: Simon Walters – simon.walters@bitc.org.uk

Starting Point (a programme of the Mustard Tree Foundation Reading) (In person only)

Location: Milton Keynes, Swindon, Reading

About Us: Starting Point is a programme of the Mustard Tree Foundation, providing mentoring and support to young people at risk of becoming NEET

The Ask: Volunteering a small amount of time one hour a week to be a listening ear and share your knowledge, skills and experience, has the potential to change someone's life. Our Mentoring programme supports young people aged 15 - 25 throughout their journey of attaining, sustaining and thriving within education, employment and training. No previous experience is necessary.

Duration/Time: 1-2 hours per week, ongoing flexible

Contact: Usha Manojkanth – usha.manojkanth@bitc.org.uk

Bristol Achieve CIC

About Us: [Bristol Achieve](#) are a community interest company with passion for enabling high ability disadvantaged students to achieve their fullest potential with top careers and university places. We work across South Bristol, one of the most deprived areas, to develop year 12 students as mentors to younger high ability disadvantaged students from year 7. We focus on key skills such as oracy and teamwork as well as boosting reading for pleasure.

The Ask: We are seeking expert mentors/coaches to develop our sixth form students to learn how to mentor and to be inspiring mentors to their younger mentees. Your experts in mentoring/coaching will spend an initial day, face to face, training up the sixth form students. This will be followed by another session (could be online) to check in with their progress as a mentor, and a final session (on-line if preferable) to reflect on their mentoring. We welcome mentors from different organisations but also from the same organisation, we don't have a maximum limit so the more the merrier and the more students we can support!

Duration/Time: 1.5 days over 10 weeks in Spring 2022

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Learning Partnership West

Type of Support: Work insight sessions

Location: Bristol

About us: An Independent school in Bristol for children at risk of becoming NEET in years 10 and 11 who have dropped out of mainstream education due to additional barriers.

The Ask: We are seeking work insight sessions to support the most vulnerable young people in Bristol, victims of crime, gang violence and domestic issues, to gain inspiration and motivation to build a career path for themselves, to work, to educate themselves and break free from the daily barriers they face. Short one-hour sessions at a local business premise for just one or two young people at a time to help them understand a little more of the basics of the workplace, i. e: shadowing someone answering calls, or just going about their day-to-day work would be more than enough.

The young people will always be accompanied by a member of staff from LPW throughout the sessions. We work with very vulnerable young people, so they need smaller scale one to one interventions. A small business or local branch of a larger business would be ideal, as it would make it easier for our young people to build trust and relationships and to understand what they do. Anyone interested in exploring a session with us would make a huge difference to their lives.

Duration: 1-2 hours/month

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Read With Me CIC - Gloucester

Type of Support: Reading Volunteers (In person volunteers only)

About Us: We are a CIC based on Gloucester running reading programmes to support pupils in primary school to develop their reading skills as a skill for life.

The Ask: We are keen to partner with employers across Gloucestershire to help meet the unmet needs of disadvantaged children. Can you spare an hour or two, once or twice a week to help bridge the gap? Many children have lost ground during school lockdowns and need catch up support.

We'd like any volunteer to commit for an hour a week. We want every child to have this support as a standard so volunteers would commit on an ongoing basis for as long as they are able. We have contingency support to allow for holidays, meetings or anything else that crops up. This summer we'll be offering pop ups every Tuesday and Thursday. Any volunteer that works with children will have a DBS check – this is free.

We'd also love to hear from anyone who would like to help with fundraising or doing some of the incredibly useful jobs like collecting books or sorting book stock.

Duration/Time: 1hr/week over a few months

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Property, Facilities and Land Management Advice

Safebase Scotland

Location: Falkirk

About Us: Our aim is to support those that need help when at times of crisis. We provide drop in safe spaces across the country to support those in need. Working in Partnership with Police Scotland, Scottish Ambulance Service, Royal Voluntary Service, NHS and Local Councils. We are a volunteer led Charity supporting those in need across Forth Valley in Trained in Basic first aid, Frec4, Pearson Ambulance crew, Mental Health & Covid Risk Assessments. Providing event first aid cover with volunteers in experience of managing both large & small-scale events.

The Ask: We need assistance as part of the community asset transfer scheme to carry out a conditions survey of a building we would like to take over from Falkirk Council

Duration/time: 1-2 days

Contact: Simon/Bonnie at nbrn.scotland@bitc.org.uk

Employment and Skills COVID Recovery Volunteering

As part of BITC's existing **Employment and Skills** campaign and delivery to support those hardest to reach back into employment, there are several funded opportunities that businesses can engage in which will support a diverse range of groups including Age 50+, Homelessness, immigrants, long term unemployed from family unites, survivors of modern-day slavery and other excluded groups such as ex-offenders.

Due to the pandemic, all employment programmes are now available virtually and business volunteers can join from any location. For more information, please contact Katie Harris – katie.harris@bitc.org.uk

Ready for Work

Ready for Work is a BITC flagship employment programme designed to enable businesses to support individuals with significant barriers back into the world of work. Since launching in 2001 it has successfully supported over 4,000 people in sustained employment. Ready for Work is a two-week work placement which has been adapted to virtual delivery following the pandemic. The placement gives people the opportunity to gain valuable skills and real-life experiences to help them in the future.

Number of volunteers: 1-2 volunteers per business

Duration: 2 weeks (virtual work experience flexibility is available)

Preparation time: 2.5 days including 2-day training and pre-meet with the participants

Community Benefits Providing individuals with a sustainable route out of homelessness and social exclusion.

Business Benefits: Professional and personal staff development, increased job satisfaction and staff loyalty, demonstrate your commitment to your local community, and direct access to a diverse pool of candidates.

Locations

- Bristol
- London
- West Midlands
- Yorkshire & Humber
- Leicester
- Tees Valley
- Newcastle
- Manchester
- Liverpool

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Behind the Scenes

The business community faces a persistent challenge of skills shortage vacancies, roles that are difficult to fill for reasons such as a low level of applicants or lack of awareness of specific sectors or industries. Behind the Scenes allows businesses to give participants and potential employees of the future the opportunity to have a sneak peak of our organisation, hear firsthand from employees about our experiences whilst learning and growing our confidence and knowledge about that sector and roles available to them.

Number of volunteers: 6-10 employees from a range of departments

Duration: 0.5 day either a am or pm session

Preparation time: 0.5 days

Community Benefits: Employer-led training for those with barriers to work

Business Benefits: Employee CPD in areas such as coaching, delivering training and event planning.

Addressing recruitment challenges: developing awareness of your business or sector

Locations: Mainly Virtual Delivery at the moment, with some possibilities for in person sessions depending on the nature of business across the following locations

- Bristol
- London

- West Midlands
- Yorkshire & Humber
- Leicester
- Tees Valley

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Careers Conversations

Careers Conversations is a programme designed specifically for individuals with barriers to employment, who are currently receiving English Language support through ESOL or other training. It provides important accompaniment for English Language training through providing business led coaching on several key employability topics.

Number of volunteers: 1-2 volunteers per business

Duration: 6 weeks, 2 hours/session over consecutive weeks.

Preparation time: half a day training session

Community Benefits Business-led coaching to participants with English as a second language

Business Benefits: Employees CPD in coaching skills, increased knowledge of diversity and cross

Locations:

- London
- West Midlands
- Yorkshire & Humber
- Virtual delivery is also available.

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Employment and digital skills workshops

Lack of skills affects multiple aspects of individuals' lives, including employment opportunities. Workshops provide clients with the skills, motivation, and resilience to equip them to find and sustain employment.

BITC works with trainers and businesses to deliver virtual sessions, co-facilitated by businesses on topics including CV writing, essential workplace skills, confidence, motivation and building resilience, job searching, preparing for an interview, creating a LinkedIn profile and digital skills. Businesses can support either by providing volunteers, by producing content for the session or both. BITC can support with content as well as with co-ordination, facilitation and briefing participants and volunteers.

Number of volunteers: 1 - 3 volunteers

Duration: 2- hour sessions weekly or 1 off session

Preparation time: Dependent on input

Community Benefits: Empower people with barriers to work to understand the job market and how to access opportunities

Business Benefits: Skills-based volunteering, employee CPD in coaching skills, encouraging intergenerational work.

Locations, currently all virtual so can be flexible:

- London
- Bristol
- West Midlands
- Leicester
- Yorkshire & Humber
- Tees Valley
- Manchester

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