

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

To help you decide what kind of volunteering is right for you, head to our site for all the latest information, events and opportunities.

manchester.ac.uk/volunteers

You can search and apply for current volunteering opportunities on Volunteer Hub. Find your perfect role by searching by cause, location, role or skills gained.

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VOLUNTEER HUB: HOW IT WORKS

- 1 Click on Volunteer Hub
 - 2 Click on the Student Log In option
 - 3 Complete the Registration Form
 - 4 Once registered, you can search for volunteering roles based on role, theme and location. You can also use the advanced search to filter by skills or specific areas of interest.
 - 5 When you find your ideal role, click Apply Now
 - 6 You should hear back from the organisation within one week... and then you can start your volunteering experience!
- ! Don't forget to ask the organisation to record your hours on Volunteer Hub so you have a record of your activity.

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WHAT IS VOLUNTEERING?

Volunteering can be lots of things. Whether it's mentoring young people, fundraising for charities, running events or planting trees, if it benefits other people or the environment and you're not getting paid for it, then it's probably volunteering.

WHY VOLUNTEER?



Share your passion and make a difference



Give something back to your community



Stand out from the crowd and gain skills to land your perfect career



Do something related to your studies and put your ideas into action



Get involved, make friends and explore where you live

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Does my visa allow me to volunteer?

All students can complete volunteering without restriction in the UK. And, unlike unpaid employment, volunteering doesn't count towards your working hours. If you have any questions, contact visa@manchester.ac.uk

What is a DBS check?

Opportunities volunteering with children or vulnerable adults may need a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check to find out if a potential volunteer has a criminal record. These can be hard to get if you've not been in the UK very long and you'll also need a Certificate of Good Conduct from your home country. However, don't let this put you off – there are lots of opportunities that don't require a DBS check.

English isn't my first language.

Volunteering is a great way to practise speaking English. If you're nervous, tell the organisation or speak to the Volunteering Team about your concerns. And you could always volunteer with a friend!

I don't have much time.

Volunteering is completely flexible, so you can fit it in around your other commitments. Look out for our Volunteer Days where you can try out different types of volunteering.

Do I need experience to volunteer?

No. Volunteering is a great way to develop new skills and, as an international student, you'll bring a unique perspective to the organisation.

MY

VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE

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COURSE: LINGUISTICS

I first became interested in volunteering as I was looking for a new challenge to make my university experience unique, but didn't know what to pick. The University encourages students to volunteer, so I decided that I could do something to make both myself and other people happy. I also thought volunteering might be a good opportunity to meet new people from different backgrounds.

I went to the Volunteering Fair in my first year and found two volunteering opportunities that I truly wanted to get involved with: Enactus and Multilingual Manchester. For Enactus I volunteer for Speak Up, which provides ESOL sessions (English for speakers of other languages) to parents of local primary school children. I also volunteer for Multilingual Manchester, which aims to help non-native English speakers who have few opportunities to speak English. My interest in both of these projects came from my discipline, linguistics, as I thought I could use knowledge from my course to help people.

Volunteering has had so many positive impacts that I didn't expect. One of the best things about volunteering is that it works two-ways. Volunteers help other people, but I have also gained skills from volunteering, including one that I really appreciated –



time management! I can now use my time effectively, so I can balance my social life, volunteering and studying.

The thing I was most worried about was communicating with people in English. Even though my English is good enough to study at the University, I wasn't confident enough to communicate with people who have different accents. But in the first few months of volunteering, I surprised myself! I communicated easily with native speakers and that improved my confidence a lot.

From my perspective, volunteering is an unmissable experience. Everyone knows that volunteering provides the happiness of helping people, but it also gives you a wider view of the world. It proves your own ability and helps you develop new skills. It will give you an insight into Manchester and, of course, it looks good on your CV!