

## Volunteering Opportunities for 14-16 year olds

### + sources of funding

*We do our best to make sure the opportunities and funding sources listed below are up-to-date, but they may have changed since we were in touch with them.*

## Opportunities

### Become a 'Reading Leader'

Reading Matters is a charity that trains 14-16 year-olds to be reading mentors with younger children. As a 'Reading Leader' you help children either in your own school, in feeder primaries or in other settings. The programme gives you the skills and confidence to see where your pupil partner has difficulties with reading and gives you ways to address these. Becoming a 'Reading Leader' will enhance your personal statement and will really help your pupil partner to improve their reading and self confidence. The course is accredited with the National Open College Network at level 2.

For more information :

- Contact Richard Hanks on [richard@readingmatters.org.uk](mailto:richard@readingmatters.org.uk) (term time only)
- Also see <http://www.readingmatters.org.uk/reading-matters-schools.php>
- Many Reading Leaders go on to do other volunteering, including becoming 'Reading Mentors'. See <http://www.readingmatters.org.uk/reading-matters-volunteers.php>

### Done your GCSEs? Come and help out at Broomhall Homework Club

The Broomhall Homework Club is based in the Broomhall Centre (Broomspring Lane, Sheffield S10 2FD) and runs on Mondays and Thursdays during term time from 5 – 6.45. The Club is a safe environment for young people aged 8-18 to complete their homework, work on projects or get support with reading or learning. Volunteers are usually matched one to one with one of the children attending the Club. As a volunteer you may occasionally have 2 children to work with, and over

the weeks you will be matched with different children so you – and they – get a varied experience.

Currently the Club tends to have volunteers who are University students, but we are keen to involve school students, who have completed their GCSEs, to work with the juniors group.

For more information contact Polly and Tony on [polytone@doctors.org.uk](mailto:polytone@doctors.org.uk)

### **Raise money for Sheffield Guide Dogs for the Blind**

Get together with other young people to organise your own 'go walkies' event to raise funds for Sheffield Guide Dogs for the Blind. See their website:

<http://www.guidedogsgiving.org.uk/gowalkies/home/>

### **Be a 'Lifestyle Volunteer' with South Yorkshire Police**

This project encourages 2 or more young people, in school years Y6 - Y11, to complete a project. You will need to be supported by either 1 or 2 adult volunteers.

You work in conjunction with South Yorkshire Police to:

- do something positive and constructive to improve your community
- enhance the status of young people within your community
- divert other young people away from anti-social behaviour
- take pride and ownership of your community and work with others for the benefit of everyone

Website: <http://www.lifestylevolunteers.co.uk/>

Contact Lisa Porter: [Lisa.Porter@southyorks.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Lisa.Porter@southyorks.pnn.police.uk) or 0114 2197050

### **British Red Cross: First Aid & Humanitarian Education Action Projects**

We work with schools and youth organisations to identify a particular place or topic to focus a project on. We usually work with a group of 8-12 young people aged 14-16 for a period of 4-6 weeks giving training in the knowledge and skills they will need to be 'peer educators'. The group members then share this learning with friends, peers, younger year groups and primary school children in the area. This can be done through assembly presentations, drama, a piece of artwork, an interactive activity.

Contact Joe Ovenden, Yough and schools service coordinator: 0114 242 7382/07843501204 or [JOvenden@redcross.org.uk](mailto:JOvenden@redcross.org.uk)

### **Sheffield Futures – Supporting Young People to have a voice ...**

We have numerous opportunities for young people who may want to get involved in various programmes within the city and their local areas e.g. Youth Forums, Advisory groups etc. Opportunities to act as a 'Youth Inspector' to test services in your local area, for example the treatment of young people at your local swimming pool, or the level of service at a local Library, and reporting back with any recommendations for improvements.

Contact Sarah Stevens, Participation Co-ordinator (City-wide): 0114 201 2783, [sarah.stevens@sheffieldfutures.org.uk](mailto:sarah.stevens@sheffieldfutures.org.uk)

## **Sources of Funding**

### **Awards For All**

Schools can apply for £300-£10,000. Covers training, creating stronger communities, urban and rural environment improvements, healthier and more active communities.

<http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/index.html>

### **Community Cash Awards**

The Royal Bank of Scotland Community Cash Awards will see £1 million of grants being distributed by youth charity "The Prince's Trust" to young people who want to run community projects in some of Britain's poorest areas. The Awards, worth £250 to £5,000, are available to disadvantaged 14 to 25-year-olds who want to transform their area and learn practical skills. Projects could range from improving local youth facilities to tackling teenage pregnancy or drug misuse. Projects must be run and managed by people between the ages of 14 and 25; clearly benefit the local community; benefit the people running the project; and be a new or developing project. Previous projects supported include; an amateur boxing project to give young people greater confidence. Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/Main%20Site%20v2/14-30%20and%20need%20help/grants%20for%20community%20projects.asp>

## **Sita Trust**

Young Person's Volunteering Fund - launching 6th April 2010

Young Person's Volunteering Fund is the name of SITA Trust's funding programme for volunteering projects owned by 14-25 year olds. We can support projects in any of 90 funding zones around qualifying waste processing sites operated by our donor, SITA UK. SITA Trust can provide up to £10,000 towards agreed project costs.

<http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/volunteering>

## **YouthBanks**

YouthBanks are run by young people for young people. YouthBanks provide small grants to fund young people's good ideas to benefit their local community.

<http://www.youthbank.org.uk/>