



Volunteering Bulletin

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*Wishing you all a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*

*From all of us at Volunteer
Centre Reigate & Banstead.*

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LATEST NEWS

Volunteer Drop-in. Find out how you can volunteer. Or see how your organisation can benefit from volunteers. Drop in Surgeries are as follows: Merstham Community Facility, 44 Portland Drive, Merstham, RH1 3HY -Monday 9th January.

Banstead Help Shop, The Horseshoe, Bolters Lane, Banstead SM7 2BQ - Thursday 19th January.

Horley Help Shop, Consort Way, Horley RH6 7AF – Thursday 2nd February.

YMCA England will be opening a new charity shop in the Belfry in Redhill and looking for paid staff as well as volunteers. They are seeking a Shop Manager to effectively manage and develop the shop and also an Assistant Shop Manager. For more information please contact us.

WEA Adult Learning - Microsoft Publisher.

This is a free course designed for those helping or wishing to help a local group or voluntary organisation publicise their activities. You will learn how to produce flyers in different formats, posters and a basic, one sheet, newsletter for emailing or printing. This will be held at the Merstham Community Facility on Tuesdays 28th February for five weeks from 10.00am - 12.00pm. Places are limited to 12. To guarantee your place call Freephone: 0800 328 1060 and please quote course code: C3731968 1737 243846.

EVENTS

Rotary Club of Redhill Reigate & Horley Breakfast are holding a Tramps' Ball with live music and dancing to Big G's Band in aid of Redhill Street Pastors and other Rotary Charities. Saturday 14th January 2012 at St Matthews Church Hall, Station Road, Redhill RH1 1DL. Licensed bar and hot food, doors open from 7.15pm to late... Dress code: Dress down. Tickets £15.00 (incl. food) For tickets contact Rtn. Malcolm Walker, 07785 932553 or email mwwalker@yahoo.co.uk

Alzheimers' Society would like to remind people that they will be holding meetings throughout the coming year for their next Memory Walk which will be held on 16th September 2012. If anyone is interested in helping out please get in touch.

TRAINING

Home-Start East Surrey is looking to recruit volunteers for their ten week course starting in February 2011 in Redhill. The only real qualification is experience of bringing up children; friendliness and a caring attitude, as well as an understanding of the pressures of parenting. If you have four hours a week to spare, are a parent and would enjoy visiting a family in their own home, you could be the person for their organisation.

RASASC (Rape & Sexual Abuse Support Centre in Guildford), are seeking female telephone helpline volunteers for their next training, which commences on the 21st January until the 3rd March 2012.

Reigate & Redhill YMCA are looking for volunteers to help with their children services team. They are looking for passionate, motivated and unique individuals who would work well within a team. No previous experience required, minimum age 16 years. Training runs throughout 2012: 22nd January, 18th March, 20th May 19th & 20th July from 10am – 4pm. All applications will be asked to complete a CRB.

LATEST VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

'YMCA Big Christmas Make' Art Activity' in Reigate Priory Park. Are you aged 16-24, creative, want to deliver a community art activity, using rubbish as an inspiration? If you are interested they will be based in the Pavilion building. *Dates:* 21-22 December (Weds & Thurs) 11am-4pm *Location:* Reigate Priory Park Pavilion Building, Reigate. All materials and lunch provided.

Familyline based in Leatherhead are seeking volunteers to help out on their helpline. FamilyLine is a free confidential helpline that helps and supports anyone with worries and concerns about their children's behavior, education, adult relationships or personal matters such as depression, stress and isolation. Volunteers will enjoy flexible hours between the opening times of 9am-5pm (weekdays). No experience is required as all helpline volunteers receive training.

East Surrey Community Mediation is looking for a variety of volunteers including a Mediation Leader who is responsible for their core product: mediation. She/he ensures sufficient numbers of trained mediators to meet expected demands and to ensure quality through appropriate programmes. Administratively, she/he prepares an annual mediation strategy and plan in conjunction with the other Leaders to ensure good operational and marketing support. They are also looking for a Marketing Leader and a Manager.

Reigate & Banstead District Sports Council have recently registered an opportunity with us for a Website Controller & Developer. This role will involve maintaining and keeping their existing website up to date and also adding/developing extra interest to it. Technical knowledge is not essential as they have a specialist who can advise with problems and you must be interested in sport.

Surrey Association for Visual Impairment (SAVI) are looking for volunteers who can spare an hour a week to visit a blind or partially sighted person in their own home or to transport them to a club or class. Expenses paid and transport given. Timings are flexible.

Reigate & Banstead Council are organising the annual Star for a Night youth variety show. Auditions for the show take place in January at the Harlequin Theatre. For those offered a chance to take part in the show there follows 11 weeks of rehearsals (one rehearsal lasting 2 hours each week at the Warwick School). The participants are taught by professional singing coach, drama coach and choreographer. Participants choose what they would like to do, dance, sing or act. The theme of 2012 is the Queen's Jubilee and the Olympics. They are looking for volunteers to help at the rehearsals, monitoring behaviour during rehearsals, escorting the participants from rehearsal rooms to the toilets etc. Timing is between 6.00pm-8.00pm from 26th January - 5th April plus shows on 12/13 April.

Spinal Injuries Association (SIA) is the leading charity for spinal cord injured people. They are looking for a Collection Box Co-ordinator to assist with the management of SIA collection boxes in your local area. You will help SIA to recruit local businesses to display collection boxes on their counter top, for example, local pubs, newsagents etc. Also to help them distribute and collect old boxes when needed. Volunteers will need to be aged 18+.

Action for Life. The East Surrey Walking for Health Scheme organises a variety of free guided walks for all in the Reigate & Banstead and Tandridge area with 20 different walks ranging from 1.5 - 6 miles. They are always looking for Volunteer Walk Leaders to maintain their varied programme.



EXECUTIVE OPPORTUNITIES

9th Reigate Scout Group in Lower Kingswood are a thriving local scout group providing exciting activities for young people aged 6 to 14+ years. They are looking for a Treasurer and a Beaver Scout Leader.

SSAFA Forces Help are looking for a Hon Secretary, Reigate & Banstead Division. Their team of 10 volunteers is managed by the Divisional Secretary who is responsible for allocating cases to the volunteers and monitoring their progress. He or she can also undertake casework and will be fully trained at SSAFA's central office in London. It is a marvellous opportunity to work with and help members or ex-members of the Armed Forces and their dependants, the majority of whom are now elderly. It is highly rewarding. Timing is flexible.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Reminder - we are still in the process of setting up a team of volunteers on our database of people who are interested in giving their time to help out at events. Therefore, we would like this opportunity to ask for your support in providing us with details of any volunteer needs you may have for your events planned now or in the future throughout the year or coming year. To avoid disappointment let us have details as well in advance as possible. We look forward to hearing from you.

If you would like to include an article in our next Bulletin, which will be issued in February please let us know by Wednesday 15th Feb.

For more information about any of the above please do get in touch.

Contact Lisa Irwin, Volunteer Centre Administrator

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Opening Times: Monday - Friday from 10am - 3pm.

An informal interview is available by prior arrangement.

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