



## Volunteering Bulletin

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# LATEST NEWS

**Together At Christmas** is led by the Anglican Churches in Merstham. They are inviting people to join them for a special Christmas Day lunch, good company, music, carols and lots of fun!! Father Christmas will also be there with gifts for all the guests. This lunch is especially for those who might otherwise be on their own or for families who want to be with other people as well as those who can't afford to celebrate Christmas this year. They are looking for a variety of volunteers including a **Kitchen Supervisor/Cook** to supervise the cooking of a traditional three course Christmas Day Lunch for approx. 80 people in a fully equipped school kitchen by a team of untrained volunteers. You will need a Level 2 Food Safety & Hygiene certificate for this role. They are also looking for **Drivers** to pick up and take guests home, people to **Escort** guests to and from venue, **Table Hosts**, people to prepare and serve lunch and a **Father Christmas**. You will need photo ID and proof of address for all opportunities.


**Volunteer drivers are not cabs!** Over 50 motor Insurers promise not to charge volunteer drivers a premium after months of negotiation between Volunteering England, the Community Transport Association and the Association of British Insurers (ABI). Volunteer Drivers are not required to have a private hire vehicle license (PHV).

**The Redhill Youth Consortium** opened in September supported by a committee of young people. The club meets at The Songhurst Memorial Hall in Marketfield Way, Redhill on Fridays between 7-9pm. This centre is really making a difference and changing the lives of young people. The organisers would welcome more volunteers, this will enable the club to open more frequently.

**Shoe Box Appeal.** St Luke's Church is again organising a shoe box appeal. The idea is for people to obtain a shoe box, choose the age of a child, either boy or girl, fill the box with appropriate presents, wrap the box and lid separately in Christmas paper, put £2.50 for postage in the box and stick on a label. To find out more please visit: [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk) or call

**Become a Poppy Person Now!** Volunteers are the lifeblood of The Royal British Legion and Poppy Appeal and they couldn't achieve all that they do without them. Although this year the appeal has passed, they are still looking to recruit volunteers.

## EVENTS



**A Christmas Carol** Start your season's festivities with this age old Christmas classic coming soon to The Orpheus Centre, Godstone. Dates are 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at the Orpheus Barn Theatre. Contact the Box Office on 01883 741414 or visit the website at [marketing@orpheus.org.uk](mailto:marketing@orpheus.org.uk) for tickets and more details. The Orpheus Centre works with young people to promote independence through the performing arts and create tailor made programmes for young disabled adults aged 18 and over.

## TRAINING

**The Brigitte Trust** offers a free service of emotional support and practical help to people facing life-threatening illness. They are holding a Volunteer Introductory Morning on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January for their Local Community Support Volunteer opportunity, training for this will be held in February. Additionally, they are building a simple database (Access 2010) and have basic knowledge of this after a short course, but would welcome some on-the-job support/training to enable them to continue with the work themselves.

# EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERING

## Diana Francis House thanks Goldshield!

A supported housing scheme for people with disabilities, Diana Francis House had become extremely tired looking. They had an Open Day in September and the house needed some urgent tender loving care! They applied at the last moment to be considered for the volunteering project being carried out by Goldshield and were delighted to be accepted. "We had a brilliant day with the Goldshield Team," Says Maryam. "They made it look so welcoming and cared for." Maryam and Sue (support workers), Drew, Andrew and Kyle (tenants) and all the IHOT Trustees would like to say a huge 'thank you' to Goldshield and all the team members and they hope to keep in touch with them.



## LATEST VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### The East Surrey Museum

based in Caterham are looking for an **Outreach Officer** to visit local schools to give talks on subjects related to the Museum collections e.g. The Victorians, Local History etc. Some talks/presentations would be to school parties visiting the Museum by appointment for a specified talk.

**Redstone FM** are currently looking for a variety of volunteers. They are looking for experienced **Radio Presenters** and /or **Producers** to join their talent pool for weekend and weekday programmes. Please contact us for more exciting volunteer opportunities with this radio station.

**Social Firms UK** support, strengthen and grow the social firm sector so that more people facing the most significant barriers to work can gain employment. Improve your IT skills by volunteering for a national charity that needs help inputting data and transcribing case studies using audio facility

**Barnardo's Transition & Independence Service** work with more than 100,000 children, young people and their families each year. They are looking for **Life Skills Volunteers** which operate at different locations throughout Surrey on Monday afternoons and Thursday evenings. You will assist staff to run life skill sessions for young people aged 14-19 with learning difficulties, autism and challenging behavior. They are also looking for **Participation Volunteers**. This project works with two groups of children/young people from the ages of 5-25 years to express their views and opinions about the services they receive throughout Surrey. You will be supporting the project worker by attending forums which run every Friday for an hour and a half during term-time in Redhill.

**Toddlers & Tinies** are a warm, friendly open toddler group for families in the community with children from 0 years to pre-school age. They are looking for Group Volunteers at Reigate Park Church to help out especially on Mondays from 1.30pm-4.15pm and Thursdays from 9.00am-11.45am. You must be over 16 years of age to apply and enjoy interacting with children and families.

**Young Epilepsy (previously known as The National Centre For Young People With Epilepsy NCYPE)** are looking for **Christmas Stars!** They have been given the wonderful opportunity to promote their Reach for the Stars campaign and sell their Christmas merchandise at the Belfry Shopping Centre around Santa's Grotto and Ice Rink. They need volunteers to help encourage people to take part in Ice Skating, getting their face painted or to buy some Christmas Cards! Timings are flexible from Thursday - Sunday. Volunteers must have enthusiasm, a willingness to 'muck in' and work as part of a team and the ability to communicate effectively with the public. A sense of humour and love of the festive season would also be a bonus!

**Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Association (DEBRA)** is the national charity that supports individuals and families affected by Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) - a genetic condition which causes the skin to blister and shear at the slightest friction, or even spontaneously. They are seeking a variety of volunteers for a variety of roles to raise awareness and funds for their charity.

## EXECUTIVE OPPORTUNITIES

**Help Needed Horley Local Committee for Cancer Research UK** needs a helping hand. It needs a volunteer to join the committee to arrange events such as table top sales, wine evenings and quiz nights.

**Reigate Stepping Stones Social Group** for people with mental health issues are looking for Trustees with Marketing & Publicity expertise.

**Merstham Community Facility Trust** are looking for a clerk to be responsible for providing clerical & admin support to their Trustees.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Preston Archaeology Project** this is a Surrey County Council community initiative. They are inviting residents to join excavation work alongside professionals. An open day takes place on November 27<sup>th</sup> from 12-4pm for more information please visit: [www.surreycc.gov.uk/digpreston](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/digpreston)

**As a Reminder** we are 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.

**Bloomin' Arts** is an organisation that works with and for adults with learning difficulties in the Performing Arts. They are looking for Arts tutors to join their team. Rate of pay: This is dependent on type of class and position, but minimum pay is £20 p/h to lead tutor. For more info visit: [www.bloomin-arts.com](http://www.bloomin-arts.com) or call 01342 836783 for an application form.

***If any of you would like to include an article in our next Bulletin, which will be issued in December please let us know by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December .***

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

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

**An informal interview is available by prior arrangement.**

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