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## **Selected Volunteer Opportunities in the Borough**

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**ACTIVE SURREY** - the Sport Makers programme is part of Sport England's Mass Participation Legacy programme Places People Play. This project will recruit, train and deploy 40,000 new sports volunteers aged 16 years and over to make sport happen across the country. They are running free inspiring workshops at a variety of locations across the County for those who want to do more sport, you will then have the skills, contacts and the confidence to set up your own 5 a side league, organise after work tennis sessions or even start a new lunchtime yoga group. No specific skills required but an interest in Sport is a must. You don't need to be sporty yourself but be able to organise, motivate and support others to get more active.

**AGE CONCERN, BANSTEAD** are looking for **Befriending Volunteers** to visit isolated, elderly people in their own homes for a cup of tea to relieve loneliness. You will need to have good listening skills and have a caring and understanding nature. Timings are flexible and CRB checks will be needed. They are also looking for Drivers to transport elderly people to hospitals and clinics etc.

**AGE CONCERN MERSTHAM, REDHILL & REIGATE** are looking for a variety of volunteers including **Day Centre Helpers** especially needed on Wednesdays and Fridays, **Befrienders, Drivers** and **Escorts**.

**BANSTEAD LEISURE PROJECT** support people with a learning disability with their leisure. Volunteers can participate in basket-ball, hockey and other sports, playing pool, table tennis and help with crafts. Times - First Sunday in month 7.00pm - 9.00pm.

**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; please contact us for more information.

**FURNISTORE** collect good quality no longer needed items of furniture, household goods and appliances and delivers them to households on low income or on benefits. They are looking for a variety of volunteers including Customer Service/Admin Volunteers; this role will involve answering the phone and inputting data on the computer. Help is also needed to meet and greet customers, support them in choosing their furniture as well as completing customer's paperwork.

**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.

**"JUBLILATION" STREET PARTY IN THE PARK** this is a street party in Priory Park on Sunday June 3rd hosted by **Loveworks.org** with all proceeds going to support local people in need. There will be a fairground, picnic tables, catering stations, family games ( retro type Sports Day ) and the event will run on into the evening with jazz playing and food and refreshments on hand. The second planning meeting of the "Jubilation Team" is on Tuesday 31st January at 7.30pm in the [Loveworks.org.uk](http://Loveworks.org.uk) Office. If I join this team what's involved? The team will meet monthly - there will be both evening and daytime meeting options - and then whatever actions in between that you are happy to undertake. The number and scale of that will be up to you.

**PSDS** are a local charity based in Surrey, helping children with Down syndrome to reach their full, wonderful potential. Many of the families they support and the services they provide are centered around the Reigate, Redhill, Nutfield area. They are busy planning their Summer Fun Day - Sunday 1st July 2012 - which will be very kindly hosted free of charge by the lovely people at Nutfield Cricket Club. They are always very grateful to anyone who is able to volunteer to help them on the day - either with setting up for the Fun Day or helping on any of the stalls/activities. They are expecting in the region of 300 visitors to attend the Fun Day and will be organising a whole range of activities and stalls including tombola's, lucky dip, refreshments, mini makeovers, bouncy castles, adopt a cuddly, hook a duck, golf putting challenge, children's obstacle race, parents fancy dress relay etc.

**REIGATE & BANSTEAD BOROUGH 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). 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.

**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.

**REIGATE & REDHILL YMCA** are looking for a variety of volunteers for their many opportunities they have registered with us. They are especially looking for volunteers who can help during the school day for their under 5's clubs which are held in Redhill, Reigate & Banstead. No experience is necessary and you can help out any day and as often as you like. The YMCA are also looking to encourage young people aged between 16 - 28 with disabilities and/or long term health conditions to get involved in their new Active Living Project. Its aim is to help these young people develop healthier, active lifestyles, giving them the confidence to work towards their wider life goals, initially through sports participation. They are able to help fund nationally recognised qualifications to help these young disabled people in pursuit of volunteering opportunities. Additional qualifications may also be possible, depending on what each person is interested in.

**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+.

**SURREY WILDLIFE TRUST** are looking for volunteers for their next practical volunteering day which is being held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February in Merstham. Tasks will include clearing the build up of rubbish and fly tipping. Please contact us for more information.

**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.

***Why not check out the national volunteering website [do-it.org.uk](http://do-it.org.uk) for more local volunteer opportunities!***



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