

Volunteer Newsletter

December 2018



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! The songs are ringing out, the shops are beckoning and it's difficult to work through the endless 'to do' lists we all have. **But don't get your tinsel in a tangle!** Think about taking an hour or two this #ChristmasTIME to help a local charity!

This is the perfect time for charities to highlight their work and to raise valuable funds through bag packs, helping at Christmas Grottos or just collecting at busy shopping venues. Giving the

gift of even one hour of your time will make a difference and you'll be helping fund work which goes on all year round.

Have a look at the 'volunteer search' on <u>our website</u>, choose **ChristmasTIME** in the activity box to see what's available and, if you can help with any, register online and the organisation will come back to you with more details.



Feel good factor guaranteed!

Here's a few opportunities to get you started ...

National Trust's Castle Ward need volunteer Elves to help with registration, Christmas crafts, taking children to see Santa, etc.

<u>Black Santa's Christmas Bazaar</u> at St Anne's Cathedral need volunteers to help with a bucket collection and raffle sales on the night of Thursday 20 December, and also for some folks to do flyer distribution in the week leading up to the event.

Action on Hearing Loss need volunteers for their Big Belfast Christmas collection on 7 December.

Fareshare UK - volunteers needed to help in Tesco stores throughout NI this weekend - 3 hours of your time could help collect enough food for 600 meals!

<u>Cancer Focus NI</u> need volunteers to help with collections in Belfast, Lisburn, Magherafelt and Dungannon - this helps to fund their vital Family Support Service.

<u>Belfast Activity Centre</u> need volunteers to help make Santa's Adventure Trail extra special for hundreds of children this coming Christmas

Or if you prefer, you can <u>click here</u> to see the full calendar of opportunities available throughout December. These opportunities are mostly one-offs and will only need an hour or two of your time.



Shhh, there's a rumour a naughty elf will be visiting our Facebook page during December!

We will be posting opportunities on a daily basis throughout December, but we'll also be keeping an eye on her to check she's behaving herself!



Pop over and give us a wee like or a follow on our <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> pages so that you don't miss out on the craic!

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