



Volunteers' Week 2021 gave volunteer involving organisations an opportunity to thank their volunteers and Volunteer Now would also like to thank YOU for your time, commitment and energy that you have brought to your volunteering roles. If you would like to share your story with us we would be delighted to receive it – just send a photo and a summary of your role and what it means to you to info@volunteernow.co.uk

During Volunteers' Week we launched a Volunteer and Belonging Together Toolkit that focusses on supporting good relations within volunteer involving organisations. You might be interested in having a read as it contains lots of useful information about the communities within NI, how to increase the diversity within your volunteering community, along with some fun quizzes and myth busters. You can download it [here](#).

We hope you continue to enjoy your volunteering journey and if you haven't found your volunteering role just yet we hope the suggestions within this newsletter help.

Volunteer Now Youth Impact Awards

Two decades on from the launch of the Millennium Volunteers programme, we are delighted to exclusively reveal a brand-new name and look for the programme as we embark on a new future for young volunteers. We would like to thank our own Youth Forum for their valuable input on the rebrand of the awards and our young volunteers for sharing their volunteering stories and their experience taking part in the programme.



You can watch our live launch of the Impact Awards from our [YouTube channel](#).

If you are under 25 and would like to be recognised for your commitment please join the [Volunteer Now Impact Awards group](#) as a member. You need to be registered with an organisation and actively volunteering with them. Every month we will run a report on those achieving key hourly milestones and

your certificate will pop into your profile and Social CV!

Join the Crew at the Belfast Marathon

See the streets of Belfast come alive on **Sunday 19th September 2021!**

Deep RiverRock Belfast City Marathon relies on volunteers to ensure it runs safely and successfully. With 26.2 miles worth of volunteer opportunities, why not get involved and sign up today to be part of the buzz and excitement of Race Day.

Find out more at belfastcitymarathon.com/volunteering



Meet the Humans of Volunteer Now!

To mark and celebrate Volunteer's Week, we have a new section on our Volunteer Now website, inspired by [Humans of New York](#), spotlighting experiences of our Events Team volunteers.

Check it out on our website: [Humans of Volunteer Now](#)

A special word of thanks to all who took part and to our European Solidarity Corps Volunteers, Bárbara Gomes and Eva Moroza, for leading the project!



Extern Extras

Extern transforms lives as the leading social justice charity across the island of Ireland. Each year they speak up for and support more than 25,000 adults, children, young people and families.

Extern are seeking caring, motivated, and non-judgmental people who genuinely wish to make a difference to the lives of others, to work alongside their excellent staff in delivering life-changing supports to those who need it most.

To find out the latest roles available visit: www.extern.org/volunteer-with-us or contact their Volunteer Co-ordinator at caoimhe.cregan@extern.org



Keep track and share your volunteering achievement with your Social Record

As volunteers, we would like to let you know about a great resource that you can easily access to share your volunteering history, perhaps as part of a job, college or university application.

All volunteers registered with Volunteer Now and Be Collective can view and download a 'Social Record', a verified summary of your volunteering experience and skills that you have gained that's ready at the touch of a button.



Please see [here](#) to watch a quick video showing how to download your personalised social record.

Join in and celebrate the Month of Community 2021

The Month of Community is about creating a focal point in the year to bring people together to reconnect, celebrate what's local and help bolster the recovery effort with something that touches everyone.

It's an opportunity to bring our neighbourhoods closer and shine a light on the amazing communities we live in and to give community spirit a boost as we head into summer. Spending more time at home and being more present in our communities has brought with it a heartening wave of community action seeing neighbours talking and supporting one another far more than ever before. This year there are more reasons than ever to get together so throw open your doors and take to your gardens, driveways, parks, community spaces and have some fun!

Use [#MonthofCommunity](#) to share the events you host, we'd love to see how you choose to celebrate your community and take steps toward the future. [Click here](#) to find out more about the different events throughout the month – it's not too late to join in!



Featured volunteering opportunities

(To apply for any opportunities on our website, click 'apply now' and enter your details

on the Be Collective platform. Your details are then sent directly to the organisation advertising the opportunity and they will come back to you with more information).

Habitat for Humanity - [ReStore Volunteers](#) needed to help in their store in Newtownards selling donated new and used building and home improvement materials



ELM (Every Life Matters) - help both those in distress and despair and also those who have lost a loved one through suicide. They need [BACP accredited Counsellors](#) and also [Volunteers to help in the ELM NI charity shop](#) in Larne

Carrickfergus YMCA - [Youth Club Volunteers](#) wanted to help with supervising activities, games and group work which supports the social and emotional development of young people aged 9-18 years old.

Newcastle Community Outreach - need a [Social Media volunteer](#) who can engage with their young people via social media platforms

Cats Protection - need Team Leader volunteers in [Belfast](#), [Downpatrick](#) or [Enniskillen](#)

Me, You and Them - deliver services in the community to promote positive mental health. They need a [Merchandise Volunteer](#) for their store in Dungannon.

Bright Young Things Drama - need volunteers for their [summer camps](#) in Belfast, Magherafelt, Holywood & Ballymena

Compassion Group Network - need a [delivery driver / assistant](#) for their furniture store in Ballymena

MS Society - need [Befriending volunteers](#) throughout Northern Ireland

Advice Space - need a [social media advisor](#) for a period of approximately 6–10 months to assist in driving their social media strategy

Find a full selection of volunteering opportunities by using the [Opportunity Search](#) on our website

Need some inspiration? Have a look at some of the [latest volunteering opportunities](#) in your area.

Need any help? Email us info@volunteernow.co.uk - just let us know where you live and we can send you a few opportunity suggestions

Volunteering ... it's good for the body and soul!



Volunteer Now are encouraging people to consider volunteering as an option to taking their 5 steps to wellbeing. Connecting with people and giving back not only helps others, but is proven to make us feel better about ourselves.

[Click here](#) to find out more about how you can **Take 5!**

Get social with us!

We love it when you interact with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) and share opportunities and news with your friends and family!



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