

Young People as Volunteers

When considering volunteers, it is important to consider young people as volunteers as well. Young people volunteer for a variety of different reasons, it is something that they can put in their Record of Achievement (RoA) at school, it can be the chance to try new things and meet new people and it can be a way to give something back to their community.

Some young people feel it is important for them to link their volunteering experience with formal accreditation, this can be useful when applying for further education or trying to find employment.

Of course, there are other ways of recognising the achievements of young volunteers; many volunteer, holding a celebration event and/or presenting certificates is a good way. There are a number of national awards that recognise the achievements of young people taking action in the community often around particular themes, and grants/schemes aimed at providing the necessary financial support to help make a difference.

Websites

<http://www.vinspired.com/>

www.volunteering.org.uk/IWantToVolunteer/Volunteering+in+the+UK/youngpeople

www.youthinformation.com/Templates/Internal.asp?NodeID=9208

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Contact telephone numbers

Volunteering England 0845 305 6979

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