

Volunteering

1 Listening: Staffordshire cares

Volunteering provides the opportunity to meet new people or learn new things. Thousands of people are finding time to make a difference and to support local organisations by volunteering.

a) Watch the video about the Volunteer Staffordshire campaign.



[Video "Volunteer Staffordshire"](#)

b) Watch the video again.

- First write down the sentences that contain one of the words below.
- Then rewrite the sentences in your own words, finding synonyms for the words below.



to launch

to bring in line

bunch

monthly

to inspire

to signpost

literally

c) Recall as many of the details mentioned in the clip as you can and complete the chart below.

Reasons for volunteering in general	Purpose of Volunteer Staffordshire campaign	Examples for volunteering	People's experiences with volunteering
doing things you enjoy

2 Reading: Do-it

The search engine *Do-it* makes volunteering easy as it lists millions of job vacancies for volunteering and also lets you apply for some jobs online.

a) Visit the search engine *Do-it* and run a "quick search" to get a choice of job offers. Please note that you will have to enter a British town or region such as London or Staffordshire before posting your search.



Volunteering search engine *Do-it*:

<https://do-it.org/>

b) Browse through the offers and collect basic information for three job vacancies you are interested in:

	What to do	Detailed description	Qualifications needed	Time and place
1.	Organise Sunday tea party for lonely older people

3 Writing: Volunteering experience

Choose one of the texts from the Do-it website, print it out and put it up on the wall of your classroom. Now write a comment as a reply to the text you have chosen, print it out and sellotape it to the article. If you want to, you can of course post a "real" reply on the Do-it website. Make sure, however, to protect your privacy when posting personal data.

4 Doing a survey

How popular is volunteering among your classmates? How much time are they ready to spend on volunteering? What are their main interests? Find out the answers to these questions by carrying out a survey about volunteering.



- a) With a partner, first have a look at a survey about student activity carried out by the National Co-Ordination Centre for Public Engagement as well as some conversation questions for classroom discussions. Copy all questions you find useful for your own survey and make notes of all the ideas you get when browsing the documents.



[Student activity survey](#)



[Conversation questions on volunteering](#)

- b) Now plan your own survey.
- Discuss what you want to find out.
 - Talk about the aspects your survey should focus on.
 - Collect questions and answers that help you to reach your aim.
- c) Using one of the online services below, compile your survey, share it with your classmates and study the results afterwards.



Flisti.com – polls without signing-up:
<http://flisti.com/>

This service lets you create opinion polls without the need to open a personal user account. Mind, however, that each question will generate a separate link, so that it takes a bit more effort to share your survey with your classmates.



KwikSurveys – free surveys with instant reports:
<http://www.kwiksurveys.com/>

Here you can create more complex surveys with more than one question and different question types, but it requires to open a free user account. Always protect your privacy when posting personal data on the internet, for example by using an alias.

- d) Study the results, interpret them and present your findings to your classmates.