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Progress - Volunteers Placed 09/07 - 07/08

Over 150 staff and student volunteers have been placed in various agencies within Lincolnshire since September 2007. Below are some examples of where our volunteers are placed.

Maternity Buddy Project - Volunteer helpers - 11 staff and student volunteers placed.

Lincoln Prison / Morton Hall Prison - 8 Playworkers/Visitors/Translators placed.

Royal British Legion - Poppy Appeal Fundraising - 15 students placed.

Hope for Children - Fundraising Project - 5 staff and student volunteers placed.

Nomad Trust - Volunteer helpers - 2 students placed.

Brownie/Rainbows/Scouts/Cubs - Leaders - 8 students placed.

AGE Concern - Befrienders and Helpers - 5 students placed.

SOVA - Mentors and Befrienders - 7 staff and students placed.

Lincolnshire Police - Role Plays - 4 students placed.



Current volunteering opportunities

Here are just a few of our current opportunities available. Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering in any of these opportunities.

Positive Health - Positive Health (Lincolnshire) is the county's leading sexual health charity providing social care support to people living with HIV, preventative outreach work and promoting awareness of good sexual health through education and training. The staff are looking for volunteers to play a vital role in raising funds in various ways, and possibly to set up a committee to identify and provide regular fund raising opportunities. We are also looking for volunteers in the Education Department to assist with implementation of workshops and admin. The volunteer would gain a wide range of skills both in school and adult teaching. They would be able to work with the trainers to adapt, plan and implement new and existing workshops, primarily around sexual health. There is no need of previous knowledge or experience of sexual health, as volunteers are able to work with staff on an individual needs basis with regular reviews for support.

Oxfam - Volunteers needed to help in the local market area charity shop. Volunteer hours will either be, Monday to Friday, 9am-1pm or 1pm-4.30p.m or Saturday, 9am-1pm or 1pm-5p.m. Help is wanted to help serve and organise books in the charity shop.

RSPCA Shop - Volunteers needed to help in the RSPCA charity shop, opposite Debenhams, Lincoln. You can visit them in the shop between 9:30am and 12:45pm or you can contact Denise, Office Manager, on 01522 544862 for more information. Alternatively; you are welcome to have a chat with Yvonne, Trustee, in the shop between 09.30 to 13.30 (Mon - Fri) or Saturday 10:00am to 14:00pm.

School Governors One-Stop Shop is currently running a new and exciting project entitled "Fresh Faces, Fresh Voices" to encourage more young people to volunteer as school governors. Play their fun new game, "Who wants to be a school governor!" Insert the following link: <http://www.sgoss.org.uk/freshfaces/game/> In their continuing efforts to make the application process as simple as

Useful Websites:

www.studentvol.org.uk

www.csv.org.uk

www.do-it.org

www.vinspired.com

Student Volunteering England

do-it.org.uk
 volunteering made easy

possible you can now apply online, it only takes a few minutes so what are you waiting for?! Insert the following link: <http://www.sgoss.org.uk/home/applicationForm/>. Governance is the most important volunteering role in education and a full, diverse governing body can be a source of enormous strength to a school. As well as the satisfaction of knowing they are making a real difference, their volunteers use and improve a range of highly transferable skills, work with new people and have the opportunity to apply your knowledge and experience in a new environment.

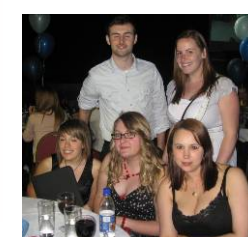
Access our site on the Students' Union Website: We now have a link on the Students' Union website, containing details of all our current opportunities, copies of the Newsletter, links to related websites and much more. This can be viewed at www.lincolnsu.com/volunteer



Community Volunteers - SOAP

Community Volunteers Newsletter

Volunteers Awards Evening - May 2008



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Volunteers Awarded for Their Achievements

The event was designed to recognise and celebrate the contribution made by volunteers to the city, the community and to the University.

Invitations were sent out to Community Volunteers, Athletic Union committee members and Student course representatives. We had also invited members of staff who have supported us and some of our partners from the local voluntary sector.

The event started at 7:00pm with an informal reception; there was a display of volunteering opportunities and snacks and soft drinks were served to create a welcoming atmosphere.

Professor David Chiddick gave an interesting talk about the benefits of volunteering and how volunteering whilst at University can enhance personal skills and employability in a competitive job market.

Certificates were presented to all the award winners by Professor Mike Neary and the evening concluded with a Buffet supper.

Community Volunteers continues to develop opportunities with local partners and to encourage Student Led projects; as a result the response to our recruitment events has been very rewarding and we are now given direct contact with students through course inductions in a growing number of areas.

Volunteers receiving certificates represented some of the following organisations: SOVA, Oxfam, Lincoln Hospital, Rampton Hospital, St Faiths, Share the Care, St Francis, Nomad Trust, Age Concern, Lincoln MIND, Impart Lincoln, Girlguide Association, Family Welfare Association, Young Enterprise, Lincolnshire Police, Royal British Legion, Shepherd Food Ministries, Lincoln Prison and Morton Hall Prison.



Hope for Children - Fundraising Project



Pictured Above: Weekly Kiosk held in the Atrium on Fridays. Run by Lakshmi Periakaruppan, 1st Year Languages student.

HOPE for Children is a UK-registered charity working with orphaned, disabled and street children in Africa, Asia and Europe (including the UK). Most importantly, HOPE guarantees 100% of all public donations go directly to projects on the ground. Thus donors know their help will make a difference. HOPE also believes in transparency and accountability and hence reproduces its annual reviews on its website.

HOPE for Children (an acronym for **H**andicapped, **O**rphaned, **P**oor and **E**xploited) works with severely underprivileged children both in the UK and abroad. HOPE was set up to specifically to fill a niche: to fund small community projects. This strategy remains both key and central, since such projects are often missed by the larger agencies. Examples of HOPE's work include providing prosthetic limbs to children disabled by landmines in Sri Lanka, special equipment for disabled children in the UK and funding for street children centres in Zambia, India, Zimbabwe and the Philippines. For inspiration and further examples of their work you can visit their website www.hope4c.org.

Since the beginning of April this year, Lakshmi Periakaruppan, a 1st Year Languages student, has been raising money for Hope for Children. Lakshmi has been in the Atrium every Friday running a kiosk to help raise money for the charity. As part of her kiosk she ran raffles from £1 to £10, whilst also giving away token gifts to those that donated to the charity. Lakshmi set herself a target of £1000 to fundraise for the charity by the end of July 2008. **So far she has raised a total of £886 for 'Hope for Children'.**



Pictured Above: Left to Right, Natalie, Jane and Eltje Briese (Student Volunteer)



Pictured Above: Student winning a bottle of vodka from the tombola sale.



Pictured Above: Shopping trolley with all items donated by members of staff and students from the University of Lincoln.



Pictured Above: Left to Right, Jane Kilby and Sara Ratcliffe (Student Volunteer)

Natalie Wray from Community Volunteers and Jane Kilby from the Students' Union (above pictures) gave their support to help Lakshmi Periakaruppan with her fundraising project for 'Hope for Children'. Natalie and Jane organised a one off fundraising day on Monday 28th April in the Atrium to help raise money to contribute to Lakshmi's fundraising target. Over 10 members of staff gave items towards a Book/DVD/CD sale and tombola and students baked cakes towards a cake sale. Four student volunteers also helped with the running of the day. Staff and students that passed the stall gave generously, raising a total of £175 by the end of the day.



Prison Mentoring and Befriending Project



Pictured Above: Students on a recent visit to Lincoln Prison. Left to Right, Philippa Vaux, Yi-An Chuang, Pei-Ying Dai, Rebecca Sale, Lisa Borrmann, Anna Hart, Magdalena Bednarczyk, Anthony Hayward.

Students and staff who are interested in prison volunteering can choose from several new opportunities as visitor, play worker, or if you speak or can translate into another language, translator. Community Volunteers are working with Prison partners at Lincoln and Morton Hall Prisons, and with Lincolnshire Action Trust.

Prison visitors are independent volunteers who visit in order to keep prisoners in touch with the outside world. Some prisoners, for whatever reason, do not receive visits in prison. Volunteers can help the prisoner break down barriers, raise self-esteem and make community integration easier on release. The aim is to have visitors of mixed age ranges, backgrounds and ethnic origins. Visiting takes place mornings 9.30 – 11.30 a.m.

Prison play workers are part of a team helping to improve the quality of visits for children and their families. Children are aged 0-12 and are received in a welcoming, safe play area. The activity takes place on Thursday – Sunday 2-4 p.m. Volunteers can choose any time.

Translators are needed for a diverse range of languages. Prisons are increasingly required to update documentation. Volunteers will have the opportunity to meet with prisoners, speak to them in their language and assist in conveying their needs to prison staff.

Rigorous security checks are part of the recruitment process. Enhanced CRB check is necessary and training sessions and visits will be arranged.

Student comments: *"It was more than I expected, like I didn't think we'd be shown round that much of the prison, and she really didn't mind us asking questions which I really liked, it was a really good insight into a prison!"*, *"I think it is a very successful visit and I can see people all enjoyed it."*



People First International



The charity was set up by a Lincoln man (Nick Hanson) 17 years ago. It is an NGO with a fundraising arm in England. Funds are used for several projects in the Indian Bihar area. One of these projects provides accommodation and schooling for homeless 'railway children' (One hundred pounds per month will keep the school running). Money is also used for promoting self-sufficiency in the community. Volunteers may have the opportunity to visit the projects during the Summer months.



Pictured Above: Left to Right, Keith Darwin, Dipak Kuman, Pam Holbrook, Nick Hanson and Natalie Wray.

Volunteers can help by Fundraising, Marketing Media/ leaflet production, Posters and web services.

The photograph shows the presentation of Student Union tee-shirts, which will be worn or re-cycled in India. Keith Darwin is the local contact and will be willing to talk more fully to prospective volunteers.

www.india-peoplefirst.org.uk/Projects.aspx



Shelagh Chapman's Sailing Challenge



This is a Great challenge to raise funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care in their 60th Anniversary Year. I will soon be meeting up and sailing with other volunteers on a training day in Portsmouth.

I grew up in South Devon so I have always loved the sea and messing around in boats; my Dad's fishing boat, school sailing dinghy and holidays afloat.

I have had tremendous support for my fund raising activities and I have almost reached my target of £1,250 so if you can make a small donation: Please support Marie Curie by visiting my website: <http://www.justgiving.com/shelaghchapman>