

**volunteer
glasgow**



Make
Volunteering
Happen

**Empowering
People
to Make
Glasgow**

Make Volunteering Happen

Volunteering is the lifeblood of our communities. Giving your time as a volunteer connects you to others and to your city; it improves wellbeing, develops skills and helps people feel more confident. Volunteer Glasgow has been helping people to experience exactly that for nearly 50 years. Every day, we work with hundreds of charitable organisations across the city to support thousands of people into accessible, incredible volunteering that transforms lives.

People in Glasgow volunteer across a huge range of activities and help achieve positive outcomes in almost everything you can think of. Glasgow's volunteers give their time to sport, health & social care, education and lifelong learning, the arts, culture & heritage, activism, advice, community justice and the environment.

Since starting as The Volunteer Centre in 1970, we've been running a range of impactful services and we only want to keep going, growing and getting better for Glasgow.

Our vision is of a city where everyone wants and feels empowered to volunteer; where people can access befriending and mentoring services at the point they need them; and where we can provide volunteers and volunteer organisations with amazing learning, guidance, training and qualifications.

We're already doing a lot of this work and we want to keep doing more. Here's what we do right now:

- Our Volunteering Engagement & Inclusion Team run public volunteering drop-ins, develop volunteering strategy and work to support both the public and private sectors to get into volunteering. On top of all that, they are the hub of our SQA learning centre and support our in-house volunteers.
- The Befriending and Mentoring Team runs an Older People's Home Visiting Service and weekly Lunch Clubs; a Young Person's Befriending Service; and the intandem mentoring programme for 8-14 year olds who are looked after at home.
- Our Volunteering Involving Organisation Support Team provides training to volunteer-involving organisations, looks after our Youth Volunteering Ambassadors, advertises city-wide volunteering opportunities via our website and provides networking opportunities for voluntary organisations across the city.

Volunteer Glasgow can only keep doing these amazing things **with your support.**

We know that we need to grow and improve on what we offer to achieve the future for Glasgow we envision.

The number of people volunteering in Scotland has declined over the past 5 years, according to Volunteer Scotland, with nearly half of all Scottish adults saying they've never volunteered. In spite of that, Glasgow volunteers gave 15 million hours in 2016, the same as £215 million hours in wages. Imagine what the city could achieve together if Volunteer Glasgow could reduce barriers and get even more people involved! By donating to Volunteer Glasgow, you are supporting the development of a more inclusive, involved and independent city.

- £10 can fund one visit to a young person by a befriender.
- £25 could pay for a volunteer manager to attend one of our training and networking sessions.
- £50 can provide additional skills training to our incredible Welcome Team volunteers.
- £100 could provide a Lunch Club session for older people living in Drumchapel.
- £400 would cover the cost of one young person's participation in an employability course.

The impact of these activities is so much bigger than numbers alone.



Carly was part of the Volunteering Works programme in 2011. She was 17, and had not attended school or any alternative education programmes since S2 when she was 14. Volunteer Glasgow helped Carly to achieve her SQA Employability Award, get a 9 month Community Jobs placement and another 4 months of volunteering experience in admin and finance. With further support from our partners in Jobs & Business Glasgow and Glasgow Clyde College, Carly achieve her goal of getting a full-time admin assistant position with a local printing company.

Here's what **Carly**
has to say about
Volunteer Glasgow:



“It was great fun, I felt I belonged and made some great friends, and it gave me the experience I needed with things like databases and finance. I didn't finish school, I had no qualifications – so if I hadn't been involved in Volunteer Glasgow I'd probably still be sat in my Mum's house doing nothing.”

The positive changes we bring to Glasgow extend across all our different services, from the Volunteering Works course to our Young Persons Befriending Service. One parent of a 14 year old involved in that service says, “it's made a big difference – having someone who takes him out to badminton and football. He loves sport but without his befriender he wouldn't go by himself. I was worried he'd get into trouble before – a lot of kids just hang around – but he's not interested.”

None of this happens without you. A donation of any size, whether a one-off or regular, makes all the difference. You can choose to have your donation benefit a particular project or area of Volunteer Glasgow's work, or you can donate more broadly to support us as an entire organisation. Wherever you choose for your money to go, you're creating positive change in the city.

There are so many ways you can **help** **Volunteer Glasgow.**

You can visit our website's donate page to give to us online or set up a regular donation.

You can donate by cheque, making them payable to 'Volunteer Glasgow' and sending them off to Volunteer Glasgow, Abbey House (1st Floor), 10 Bothwell Street, Glasgow, G2 6LU. We are also happy to accept gifts from donor-advised funds.

You can visit our Fundraising Officer in person at the same address between Tuesday and Thursday (09:30-3:30) to make cash or cheque donations in person.

Other ways to support us:

Gifts in Kind

Helping us to support volunteering in Glasgow doesn't always have to involve giving money. We welcome gifts in kind that help provide a little extra support to our services. Examples of the kind of gifts we can receive include:

- Free access to rooms or venues
- Offers of transport
- Offers of catering for events
- Activity materials for young and older people in befriending services

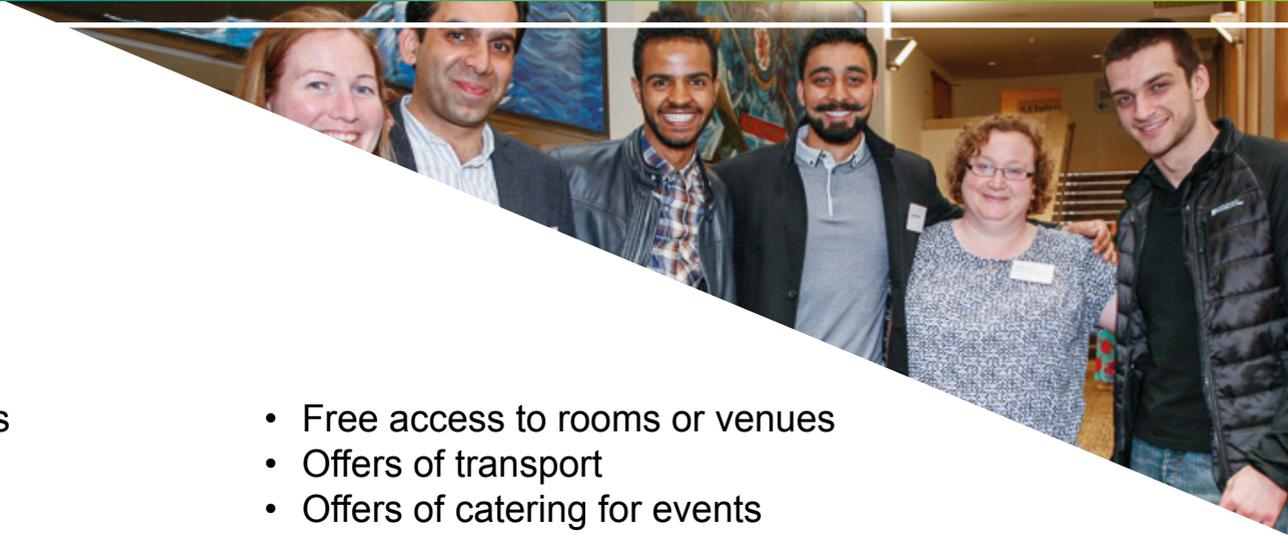
Gifts in Wills

Leaving a gift in your will is a valuable and lasting way that you can support us – and it's easier than you may think.

Whether you're making a new will, or if you already have a will and would like to consider changing it to incorporate a gift to Volunteer Glasgow, you can find guidance online:

<https://www.irwinmitchell.com/personal/wills-trusts-estates/wills/guide/leaving-money-to-charity>

If you would like to speak to someone about leaving a gift in your will to Volunteer Glasgow, you can get in touch via fundraising@volunteerglasgow.org or by calling us on 0141 226 3431.



Celebrate a Life

Celebrate the life of a loved one by raising funds to support our work. Many people choose to commemorate their loved one by raising funds in their memory, and there are many ways to do this.

Collections

You may want to encourage people to make a donation in lieu of flowers or other gifts at a funerary service.

Some people also choose to have envelopes available to make a donation. We can support you by providing donation envelopes and some wording about the area of the organisation you've chosen to support.

You can email us to request envelopes at fundraising@volunteerglasgow.org.



Set Up an Online Fundraising Page

You can also fundraise online in memory of a loved one by setting up a personalised online giving page. We recommend GoFundMe, where Volunteer Glasgow is a registered charity. We can also support you to create a page on KindLink, the online platform Volunteer Glasgow uses. Fundraising through these sites is quick and simple for you, your friends and family. You can also use the site to upload photographs and memories of your loved one.

A Gift in Celebration

If you have something special coming up, such as a birthday or a wedding, you could ask friends and family to make a donation to Volunteer Glasgow instead of giving gifts. You can do this through Volunteer Glasgow's profile on KindLink or you can get in touch via fundraising@volunteerglasgow.org to request envelopes for cash donations.

Please do get in touch and let us know how we can support you.



Find out more on how to help us at:
volunteerglasgow.org/support-us

And our latest reports are at:
volunteerglasgow.org/about-us

Empowering People to Make Glasgow

Registered office:
Abbey House (1st Floor),
10 Bothwell Street, Glasgow, G2 6LU
Tel. 0141 226 2561
www.volunteerglasgow.org