

VOLUNTEERING INFORMATION

Volunteering is one of the most rewarding things you can do. Think about why you might want to volunteer.

- Gain confidence. Volunteering can help you gain confidence by giving you the chance to try something new and build a real sense of achievement.
- Make a difference. Volunteering can have a real and valuable positive affect on people, communities and society in general.
- Meet people. Volunteering can help you meet different kinds of people and make new friends.
- Be part of a community. Volunteering can help you feel part of something outside your friends and family.
- Learn new skills. Volunteering can help you learn new skills, gain experience and sometimes even qualifications.
- Take on a challenge. Through volunteering you can challenge yourself to try something different, achieve personal goals, practice using your skills and discover hidden talents.
- Have fun! Most volunteers have a great time, regardless of why they do it.

Search for local opportunities near you on the National Volunteering Website: www.volunteerscotland.net/find-an-opportunity/opportunity-search/

or

To find out more about volunteering in the Highlands, visit NHS Highlands Volunteer Page (<u>http://www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk/Careers/Pages/Volunteer.aspx</u>) or one of the voluntary organisations near you to discover a whole range of different opportunities, from pet sitting to befriending.

CVS North: <u>www.cvsnorth.co.uk</u> Volunteering opportunities not yet listed.

Caithness Volunteering info: www.cvg.org.uk/volunteering/opportunities/ Includes a list of local opportunities.

