



Volunteers' Week: A time to say Thank You

[Insert the name of your organisation] marks Volunteers' Week 2022.

2022 marks the 38th year of Volunteers' Week (1-7 June), when [organisation name] will join thousands of charities and voluntary organisations recognising the contribution volunteers make across the UK and thanking them for all they do.

The contribution of volunteers is often unseen and unrecognised by many, visible only through the incredible impact of their volunteering. However, the coronavirus pandemic has rightly raised the profile of volunteering and more people than ever are aware of the immense contribution being made every single day by volunteers across the UK.

This Volunteers' Week [organisations name] will be thanking and celebrating their [insert number] volunteers, by [include a short description of your event/plans for the week].

[Insert a quote from a relevant person at your organisation e.g., Volunteer coordinator, Jane Smith said: "Volunteers' Week is a chance to celebrate and recognise the fantastic contribution our volunteers make. Thanks to them the local community has benefited from..." You might like to mention the number of volunteers you have, the types of volunteering they do and how it impacts on your community. You could also include a quote from one of your volunteers explaining what volunteering means to them.]

Volunteer Scotland Chief Executive, Alan Stevenson said "Volunteers' Week is a time to thank every volunteer across the UK. Volunteers improve our society through countless contributions each year and at time of crisis, they make our services more resilient. Within every local community, volunteering takes place formally, through the incredible work of organisations and groups but also informally through acts of kindness, between individuals (who are not friends and family). We must recognise the wide spectrum of volunteering. As we emerge from the pandemic and return, we should still be mindful of those who've been unable to volunteer, or volunteer as regularly, and be especially mindful of those who may still be anxious about resuming. Thank you all, for your volunteering.

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Volunteering Stats During 2020 (Scottish Household Survey 2020)

- 64% of adults in Scotland gave time to volunteer during 2020, this represents a 16% increase in volunteering compared to the SHS 2018 participation rate of 48%. This is representative of the increase in volunteering in Scotland to offer ongoing support to COVID-19.
- The total volunteering figure is comprised of 26% of adults formally volunteering and 46% informally volunteering.
- Formal volunteers were most likely to give time to local community or neighbourhoods (25%), Youth or children's activities outside school (18%) and Health, disability and wellbeing (17%)
- Informal formal volunteers were Keeping in touch with someone who is at risk of being lonely (69%), Doing shopping (51%), collecting pension, collecting benefits or paying bills, providing transport or accompanying someone away from home (20%) and Routine household chores e.g., cooking, cleaning, laundry, gardening (19%).

Notes to editors:

1. [Provide the name, phone number and email of the person the media should contact at your organisation for further information.]
2. [Include a link to your organisation's website for further information.]
3. Volunteers' Week is an annual campaign, which takes place every year 1-7 June. Charities across the UK will hold events to thank their volunteers.
4. To find out more about volunteering in Scotland visit <http://www.volunteerscotland.net/>
5. For the latest Scottish statistics see: www.volunteerscotland.net/for-organisations/research-and-evaluation
6. For the latest Covid-19 Research see: www.volunteerscotland.net/for-organisations/research-and-evaluation/publications/covid-19-research/
7. To track Volunteers' Week activity on twitter search for #VolunteersWeekScot



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