

Course Information Sheet

Introduction to Volunteering Digital Badge



DE14E51G-1

Venue 📍 Plymouth Central Library	Start Date	27 Sept 2024 10:00
	End Date	27 Sept 2024 13:00
	Fee	No Fee
	Materials	£0

[OCSW DE14E51G-1 Volunteer Passport \(oncoursesouthwest.co.uk\)](https://oncoursesouthwest.co.uk)

This 3-hour workshop equips you with the knowledge and skills to kickstart your volunteering journey! Earn a digital badge upon successful completion.

Course Description:

Are you interested in volunteering but unsure where to start? This engaging workshop is designed to give you a comprehensive introduction to the rewarding world of volunteering. Through interactive activities, discussions, and expert guidance, you'll explore the benefits of volunteering, discover a variety of volunteer opportunities, and gain practical tips for finding the perfect volunteer role that aligns with your interests and skills. By the end of the workshop, you'll be well-equipped to take the first step towards a fulfilling volunteer experience and earn a valuable digital badge to showcase your commitment!

What will I learn?

- The benefits and impact of volunteering in your community and beyond.
- Different types of volunteer opportunities available across various sectors.
- How to identify your skills and interests to find the perfect volunteer role.
- Practical tips for researching and applying for volunteer positions.
- Effective communication and collaboration skills for successful volunteer engagement.
- Boundaries
- Safeguarding
- Health and safety

How will I be assessed?

- Formative assessment will be ongoing throughout the workshop through participation in discussions, group activities, and self-reflection exercises.
- Summative assessment will involve a short online quiz to test your understanding of key concepts and completion of a personalised volunteer action plan.

Who is this course for?

This course is perfect for anyone interested in volunteering, including:

- Individuals with no prior volunteering experience.
- Those seeking a career change or pathway into the charity or social care sector.
- Existing volunteers who want to explore new opportunities and develop their skills.
- Carers looking for ways to give back to the community.

Progression Opportunities:

After completing this course, you can explore a variety of volunteer opportunities or consider further training options such as:

- Specific volunteer training courses relevant to your chosen field.
- Certificate or Diploma programs in Volunteering Management.
- Online resources and workshops offered by volunteer organisations.

Career or Job Enhancement Pathways:

Volunteering can be a stepping stone to a variety of careers in the charity and social care sector, including:

- Volunteer Coordinator
- Community Development Worker
- Fundraising Officer
- Social Worker (with further qualifications)
- Non-Profit Management Roles

How do I enrol?

The quickest way to enrol is online at www.oucoursesouthwest.co.uk, simply create an account and select 'Enrol now'. Alternatively, if you have any questions, please call our friendly customer service team on 01752 660713.

How will the course be delivered?

This is a practical course, and the sessions will include tutor-led demonstrations, learner-led group activities, instruction and repetition. These will form part of the delivery together with one-to-one support as required.

Will I need to practise outside the classroom?

You will be encouraged to review your notes between lessons to ensure maximum benefit from your course. It is always useful to practise your skills between sessions. Your tutor may encourage home learning, or independent research.

How will I know I'm making progress?

During the first session, your tutor will discuss your goals and current level in relation to the course. Based on this assessment, you will agree individual targets which you will record in your individual learning plan (ILP). You and your tutor will review your targets regularly to ensure that you are making progress; these will be written in your individual learning plan.

What will I need?

Please bring a notepad, and pen to each session. You may wish to bring a file for any handouts. A laptop with internet access is required for completion of coursework and home learning outside of the classroom.

Please note:

Most courses attract a subsidy from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). It is a requirement of the ESFA that you complete various forms at different stages of your course, further information is available on request. Courses are subject to a minimum number of enrolments and could be cancelled if recruitment is low. In some cases, an alternative class at a different location may be offered.

Terms and conditions are available at

<https://www.oucoursesouthwest.co.uk/learner-information/essential-information-for-every-learner>

Room numbers are subject to change - please check when you arrive at the venue.

