

Volunteering Opportunities at the new Canolfan Gorseinon Centre

This new iconic building, built on the site of the old Bryngwyn Steel Works, provides even more volunteering and work placement opportunities within the Trust, as the Centre will be run and managed by the Trust, together with the help of it's remarkable volunteers.



There will be opportunities to volunteer your help with the landscape management, ground maintenance, environmentally sympathetic habitat management and much, much more.

For those who like to work indoors or want some office/customer service experience, there will be opportunities to help with the reception duties, switchboard operation and tasters of different businesses, including childcare, catering and conferencing facilities.

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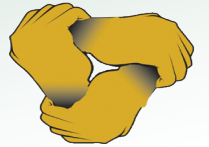
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Volunteering

With the Gorseinon Development Trust

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What is Volunteering

Volunteering is about giving your time to do something useful, without getting paid (apart from expenses).

In return you get the satisfaction of time and effort well spent. In addition, volunteering can be a great way to meet new people, learn new skills, develop new interests, gain useful experience and be part of the community.

There is a wide range of opportunities so whatever your background, the skills or experience you have, there is something that you can do.



Some volunteers at a recent litter pick at Parc Melin Mynach

Everyone can volunteer as there are no age limits, however there can sometimes be difficulties for people under 16 or over 65, mostly for insurance reasons.



Any out-of-pocket expenses (eg travel) will be reimbursed and you can also continue claiming benefits whilst volunteering, but you must let the Jobcentre Plus office know that you are intending to start voluntary work.

The photo on the left shows Credit Union volunteers, Hilary Thorpe and Christine Freeman, together with LASA Manager, Claire Smith.

Frequently Asked Questions

Here are some answers to frequently asked questions about volunteering

How long will I have to commit for?

As a volunteer you are free to leave whenever you like. If things don't work out, or your circumstances change, just let the person in charge know from what date you will be unable to continue.

How much time do I need to give?

Some volunteering requires many hours a week and some only a few hours each month, just let us know how much time you can give and we should still be able to find something that suits you.

What skills will I need?

This depends on the type of volunteer work, many don't require any particular skills, while others might make use of specific training.

Will I need to have a police check?

If your volunteering work brings you into contact with children, or with people who are considered vulnerable, you will require a more stringent selection process, which may include a CRB check. This check will be initiated and paid for by the Trust, with no charge to yourselves.

Will I Receive Training?

Volunteers are covered under the Health & Safety at Work Act, therefore we have a duty to provide training to help you do the work safely, eg, if heavy lifting is involved or the use of machinery.

Please contact the Trust Office if you have any other questions regarding volunteering for the Gorseinon Development Trust.



Volunteering Opportunities

At the Trust we have a variety of volunteering opportunities including the following:-

Manning the Info Shop - The Info Shop at 12 West Street, Gorseinon, provides a point of contact for the local people to access information and contact details regarding services, entertainment and events available to them. Volunteering here is very rewarding as you get the opportunity to help people in all kinds of ways.

Answering the Telephone - Calls to the Trust office vary from information requests to simply transferring a call to the appropriate person. Opportunities to answer the telephone will also exist at the new Canolfan Gorseinon Centre, due to open very soon.

General Administration - Administration work may involve filing and photocopying or even manning the collection point for the Credit Union, accepting savings payments from members.

Public Relations - This may involve preparing press releases and marketing materials, preparing information for the publication of the Town Guide or cutting out, logging and filing press cuttings from the local newspapers.

Distributing the Town Guide - The Town Guide is produced annually and is distributed to all the homes, schools and churches in the Gorseinon/Loughor area. If you prefer to be outdoors then you could be posting the Guide through letterboxes in the local area.

Environmental Projects - Again for people who like to work in the open air, these projects may involve tree/shrub planting, litter picking or weed spraying in the local parks and nature reserve.

Lantern Parade - Volunteering to help with the the Annual Christmas Lantern Parade may involve helping with the Lantern Making Workshops at the local schools, performing stewarding duties on the night of the parade or organisational duties leading up to the event.

Computing - If you like working on computers, there are opportunities to develop your skills in the workplace by producing letters, newsletters, posters and leaflets, creating databases and using Internet and e-mail facilities.