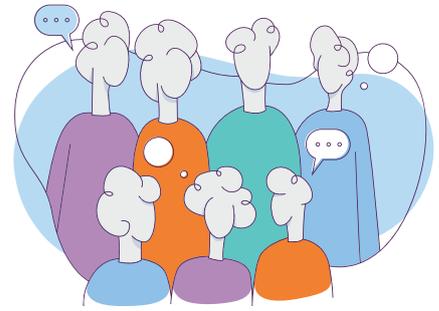


VOLUNTEERING DURING A PANDEMIC



During this Coronavirus pandemic, your employees may be looking for new ways to volunteer and make a difference, so here are some opportunities happening virtually or locally that you can promote to your teams.

100 Hours World of Work

100 Hours World of Work is creating digital content for schools and is collecting some of the best careers resources in one place on their [world of work home learning hub](#). They're currently working on a series of short 'day in the life' videos for businesses to share industry insights for secondary school-age young people and are looking for people and companies to contribute. [Contact them](#) to get involved.

EY Foundation

This year, young people are relying on employability programmes more than ever to develop the skills they need to succeed. EY Foundation has moved its summer programme online to help young people engage with employers to learn about what they need to be ready for the world of work.

They need professionals like you to share your time and experience. There are a variety of ways you can get involved, whether you have 10 minutes or an hour!

- Create a video for their virtual careers library, sharing your top tips and career journey.
- Virtual mentoring (1:1 or in groups, and you'll need DBS and NSPCC training).
- Share your insights into working in your sector, setting up your own business and more in employer skills sessions.

EY Foundation's first virtual employability week starts on 20 July 2020. To find out more, [contact Nia](#).

London Careers Festival

The virtual London Careers Festival will be hosted by City of London Corporation 29 June - 3 July 2020. The event is designed to connect pupils with the world of work. Not only does this introduce students to the diverse opportunities offered across greater London and beyond, but it fuels their imaginations and helps inform and shape their futures.

Businesses play a huge role in supporting this event and you can do so in a variety of ways:

- Create worksheets that students can access online.
- Host an interactive workshop or activity.
- Set a challenge!
- Provide resources or information.

Find out more on the [London Careers Festival website](#) or [email them](#).



Covid-19 Mutual Aid

Covid-10 Mutual Aid UK is a new group of volunteers supporting local community groups nationwide, organising mutual aid throughout the Coronavirus outbreak. Find out how you can get involved [on their website](#).

The Trussell Trust foodbanks

There are 2,000 foodbanks and the Trussell Trust is supporting the ones in its network. There are lots of ways for you to get involved whether it's as a warehouse volunteer or delivery driver. If you're in an at-risk group or you're self-isolation, you can still get involved as a social media advocate. Find out more on [the Trussell Trust website](#).

Greater London Authority (GLA)

The GLA has lists of remote volunteering opportunities in each borough. On [their website](#) you'll find contact details for local volunteer centres who are coordinating activities.

Local Helpers

The impact of Coronavirus is forcing many people to self-isolate. Local Helpers has been set up across the country to connect people in affected communities to support each other with essential tasks like food shopping or collecting medicine. Go to the [Local Helpers website](#) if you can help somebody who's self-isolating.

British Red Cross

Become a community reserve volunteer to help your community get back on track in the event of a major local emergency. The British Red Cross is working with the authorities to support the Covid-19 response in the best possible way and you can [join their network](#) of local volunteers.

Finally, volunteer safely!

It's important that you and your teams are safe when volunteering, and you'll find guidance on this [here](#).

Happy volunteering and don't forget to tag us in any social media posts on LinkedIn (The Heart of the City) and Twitter (@HOTC_UK), using our hashtag #GoodBusiness!

