

# How Leicestershire Cares can support community groups

We support a diverse range of community groups across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, by brokering relationships between communities and business to deliver practical help, skills development, support for young people and networking opportunities.

## Practical help

Business volunteers can support community groups to create even more impact in their local communities by delivering:

- ▶ **Team Challenges** – creating a nicer environment for a community group, e.g. by painting a room or planting a garden.
- ▶ **Social Challenges** – running a fun social session with a community group’s service users, e.g. a Christmas party.
- ▶ **Donating items and fundraising** – we run regular campaigns to raise money and collect items for groups in need.
- ▶ **Volunteering** – giving their time to support a particular group or initiative, such as a food bank.
- ▶ **Celebrating religious festivals** – supporting a diversity of faith groups to celebrate throughout the year, e.g. at Christmas, Eid, Diwali, Navratri, Chinese New Year and more.

## Skills development

Our businesses have a wealth of skills, experience and knowledge they can bring to community groups via:

- ▶ **Skills share events** – sharing knowledge and expertise with community groups, e.g. on bookkeeping, using social media, employment law and so on.
- ▶ **Mentoring and coaching** – linking with a community group to help them reach a specific goal.
- ▶ **Tailored training** – developing and delivering specific training sessions for a community group.





## Young people

We currently support care leavers, young offenders, refugee and asylum seekers, and long-term unemployed young people, all of whom benefit greatly from our business volunteer support.

If a group works with young people, we can help them take steps towards employment and training by delivering:

- ▶ **Employability sessions** – including CV workshops, career talks, webinars, industry events and careers fairs.
- ▶ **Mock interviews** – providing one-to-one mock interviews to unemployed young people.
- ▶ **Work tours** – taking a group of young people around your workplace to raise aspirations, increase their awareness of the jobs available and promote your business.
- ▶ **Work placements** – providing a two week work placement for young people to gain experience, skills and an understanding of how to behave in the workplace.
- ▶ **Mentoring** – taking part in one of our mentoring programmes to help a young person achieve their goals.
- ▶ **Life skills workshops** – sessions which help young people develop skills for their wider lives, gain new interests and make friends, e.g. cooking, fitness, budgeting and social activities.



## Networking and partnerships

We run networking and issue-based events (both virtual and face-to-face) throughout the year, bringing together community groups to discuss opportunities and challenges, build partnerships and develop new ways of working.

## Contact

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