

LEICESTERSHIRE CARES

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2019

Welcome to the second edition of our quarterly newsletter where we aim to update you on our work and share exciting volunteering opportunities with you.

ANNUAL CELEBRATION EVENT

Our Annual Celebration Event took place at Winstanley House on Thursday 16th May where we were joined by our members, supporters and funders to celebrate the wonderful work that, together, we deliver.

It was an upbeat, enjoyable evening with several members being recognised for their outstanding contribution to our work.

“To have been recognised for our contributions to Leicestershire Cares gives us great pride.”

Lesley Birch, Sytner



Thank you to everyone that attended and who supports our work in some way. We really couldn't do what we do without you.

A special congratulations must go to all of our award finalists and winners. A full list of which can be found on our news page at www.leicestershirecares.co.uk

We'd love to hear your thoughts on the evening, if you've feedback that you'd like to to share, please send this to Keisha@leicestershirecares.co.uk



CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE



YOUNG PEOPLE

This quarter has been an exciting one for our Flying Fish project that supports care experienced young people. Charlie took over as the Project Development Officer and took a group of 4 care experienced young people to Devon on a residential. We helped 6 young people get into volunteering, work experience or a job and helped support more than 40 young people in general.

Thank you to Kettleby Foods and Sytner Group for hosting World of Work Tours for our Flying Fish and Yes Project participants and Ford & Slater who took a YES participant on a finance placement.

If you are interested in learning more about the work we do with care experienced young people or would like to offer your support, please get in touch with Charlie@leicestershirecares.co.uk We are currently looking for support with the following activities;

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE

- Specific activities for care experienced and homeless young people
- Work experience placements, especially in areas such as IT, finance and admin
 - Work tours and/or workplace visits
 - Our 5-a-side monthly football meet

We also have a number of opportunities for members to support the young people on our YES Project. If you are interested in supporting any of the below, please contact Ayesha@leicestershirecares.co.uk

- Offering placements in IT, admin, business, data analysis, construction, mechanics, media & music
 - Long term volunteering opportunities
- Creating an apprenticeship or employability programme within your business

EDUCATION

This term has been another busy one for our education projects. Volunteers have continued to support 27 schools with Number Partners and a further 9 schools with our Go for Reading project across the City and County. Volunteers have also helped give almost 2,000 students a mock interview at 11 different secondary schools through our Interview Technique programme and have supported 2 career talks at Fullhurst Community College and the City of Leicester College.

Thank you to everyone that has volunteered so far this year, we still have a couple of Interview Technique sessions before the end of the summer term and if you would like to volunteer at one of these please contact Helen@leicestershirecares.co.uk

Interview Technique volunteers needed for the following dates

- **Tuesday 2 July**, Beauchamp College, 8.30–15.00
- **Thursday 11 July**, Soar Valley Community College, 8.45-13.00

The summer term is a busy one for our employability work and we have lots of exciting volunteering opportunities this term. The great thing about supporting these events is that it's usually just an hour or so out of your day. If you are able to help out at any of the below events Charlotte@leicestershirecares.co.uk would love to hear from you.

Volunteers needed for the following Employability Sessions

- **Friday 14 June**, Careers day at Ellesmere College (a special school), 9:30-15.00 (Volunteers needed: speedy speakers, mock interviewers, careers fair stands)
- **Friday 21 June**, CV workshops at Rushey Mead Academy, 8.30-9.50
- **Friday 21 June**, CV workshops at Brookvale Groby Learning Campus, 11:25-13:25pm (4x30min sessions)
 - **Tuesday 2 July**, Speedy speakers at King Edward VII Community College, 9.00–9.30
 - **Monday 8 July**, CV workshops at Soar Valley College, 9.00-11.00 and 11.20-13.20
 - **Monday 8 July**, Motivational speakers at Soar Valley College, 14.00-15.00

“I will definitely be more confident in answering questions at my next interview”

Pupil feedback from Madani School

“The high point of the event for me was working with the students directly and seeing them grow in confidence”

Volunteer from the University of Leicester

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



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With summer on its way, you may wish to start thinking about organising a Team Challenge. The spring and summer months are the most popular time for getting involved and we already have a whopping 17 Challenges confirmed to take place over the quarter.

Members have already supported an amazing 47 Community Groups across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland this year and there are plenty more groups needing support.

Please get in touch with the Community Team, if you are interested in hearing about the opportunities we currently have. We have some really exciting new options available.

NEW TEAM CHALLENGE OPPORTUNITIES

- A team of up to 15 volunteers is needed to help create a community garden at Braunstone Gate and Bede Street Places for People, which is a community led initiative.
- A team of up to 15 volunteers is needed to revamp a series of indoor and outdoor spaces at Netherhall Children's Home to improve the surroundings for the residents.

Don't worry if you only have a small team of volunteers, we can often split the Challenges into several smaller projects or we could look to join you up with volunteers from another business or you may opt to undertake a Social Challenge. Talk to the team at teamchallenges@leicestershirecares.co.uk and they will find something that meets your requirements.

“It was great to work together as a team outside of our normal working environment”

Team Challenge participant

COMMUNITY SAFETY



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The WIRE Project continues to support ex-offenders seeking work experience and we are always on the look out for local businesses who are willing to take ex-offenders on two week work placements. If you are interested please get in touch with Kieran@leicestershirecares.co.uk



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