



### Volunteering Opportunities



Many local charities and organisations are looking for additional help at this time. If you now have a little extra time on your hands and would like to take part in some volunteering, we've put together a list of opportunities.



Before applying you must consider your own health and wellbeing and we recommend discussing with the organisations what provisions are in place to protect volunteers.

We will continue to update this list as more opportunities become available. If you do volunteer then please make sure that you tell the LBA HR department.

### Volunteering opportunities within the Region:

Organisation	Who/what do they need?	How can I volunteer?
	<p>Community Care Volunteering is a city-wide volunteer programme operating across Leeds, to ensure systems are in place to care for people and communities during the COVID-19 outbreak. The programme is coordinated by Leeds City Council and Voluntary Action Leeds (VAL) - a registered charity, working all year round to support a thriving voluntary, community and social enterprise sector in Leeds.</p> <p>A coordinated effort is important to ensure that the most vulnerable people receive help and that all volunteers and recipients of support are safe. If you're <b>healthy and low risk</b>, you can sign-up on the Google form below to become a Community Care Volunteer and help others in Leeds.</p> <p>The programme is designed so that people can sign-up to volunteer in a range of different roles, depending on availability and preference. Volunteers can sign-up to offer practical support for vulnerable people (such as shopping deliveries, preparing meals, making check-in phone calls) or can sign-up as an informal volunteer to help within their own neighbourhood in more general ways.</p>	<p>Go to the Voluntary Action Leeds web-site. Once the form has been completed, volunteers will be sent an online training induction via email — this must be completed before getting started. Working with teams at Leeds City Council and a network of 33 local charities — operating in each ward of Leeds — our team will then contact volunteers with specific opportunities to help.</p>
	<p>Bradford District is a place where the people band together, we help each other in times of need, we are a close knit and supportive community. Now especially is a time when people can get through this tough time together.</p> <p>We are encouraging people to join</p>	<p>You can join our growing band of brilliant volunteers who are helping and supporting everyone across the district. We will connect you to informal, practical and creative volunteering opportunities – from</p>

	<p>Team Bradford's growing band of brilliant volunteers, helping and supporting everyone across our district so that people can get through tough times together.</p> <p>We will connect you to informal, practical and creative volunteering opportunities – from simply checking on neighbours or delivering supplies, to running projects or supporting care services. While we are staying home and staying safe, people can still make a difference.</p>	<p>checking on neighbours, to delivering supplies, to running projects or supporting care services. If you're healthy and low risk, you can sign-up. Call the contact centre on 01274 431000</p> <p>The contact centre is open: 8am – 6pm Monday to Friday, &amp; 10am – 4pm Saturday &amp; Sunday</p>
  <p><b>NHS VOLUNTEER</b></p> <p><b>RESPONDERS</b></p>	<p>NHS Volunteer Responders has been set up to support the NHS and the care sector during the COVID-19 outbreak. To do this we need an 'army' of volunteers who can support vulnerable people in England who are at most risk from the virus to stay well. Our doctors, nurses, those working in local authorities and other professionals, will be able to refer people in to NHS Volunteer Responders and be confident that they have been matched with a reliable, named volunteer.</p>	<p>You can help by signing up for one or more of the tasks listed below. Once you have registered and checks are complete you will be provided a log-in to the GoodSAM Responder app where you will see live and local volunteer tasks to pick from nearby.</p> <p>This programme enables volunteers to provide care or to help a vulnerable person. Volunteers must be 18 or over, and fit and well with no symptoms.</p> <p><b>Community Response volunteer:</b> This role involves collecting shopping, medication or other essential supplies for someone who is self-isolating, and delivering these supplies to their home.</p> <p><b>Patient Transport volunteer:</b> This role supports the NHS by providing transport to patients who are medically fit for discharge, and ensuring that they are settled safely back in to their home.</p> <p><b>NHS Transport volunteer:</b> This role involves transporting equipment, supplies and/or medication between NHS services and sites, it may also involve assisting pharmacies with medication delivery.</p> <p><b>Check-in and Chat volunteer:</b> This role provides short-term telephone support to individuals who are at risk of</p>

		loneliness as a consequence of self-isolation.
 <b>Achieve together</b>	<p>Achieve together is one of the UK's leading providers of support for people with learning disabilities, autism and associated complex needs.</p> <p>They have a range of remote volunteering opportunities that will support their projects. Including:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Online activities host <input type="checkbox"/> Welfare 'Buddy' for front line care workers <input type="checkbox"/> Administration tasks</p>	<p>For more information, please email <a href="mailto:volunteers@achievetogether.co.uk">volunteers@achievetogether.co.uk</a></p>
 <b>Save a life Give Blood</b>	<p>Please keep donating. You can still give blood and platelets during coronavirus and our centres in Bradford and Leeds are currently open. Blood donation is considered essential travel.</p> <p>We have introduced new measures to improve social distancing at our centres. This might mean you are asked to wait outside or find delays because we can't use all the donor chairs. Our teams are trained in thorough universal hygiene precautions to prevent the spread of all infections. Safety is our number one priority.</p>	<p>Next steps for first-time donors</p> <p><b>Please register</b> - if we have large volumes you may be asked to complete registration later</p> <p><b>Make an appointment for a few months time</b> - you are unlikely to find one soon as we are prioritising existing donors with known blood type</p> <p><b>Be a donor for life</b> - we will need you most later in the year as we feel the impact of coronavirus</p> <p>For existing donors <b>Please sign in to your online account to view available appointments.</b></p>