Employer Supported Volunteering
Our People: Volunteering

☐ Willing to accept short term volunteers. By ticking this box, your volunteering opportunity will also be included on the Our People, Volunteering platform; which links Manchester City Council employees to volunteering opportunities.
Skill Givers is an employer supported volunteering project working with organisations across Manchester and Salford. The project links employers with local voluntary and community groups, charities and social enterprises, who support their community to get active.
Our Spirit of Manchester Business initiative will match you with a local charity to share your time, skills, knowledge and experience for the benefit of our city.
Manchester Cares works closely with national and international corporations based in the city – to help us mobilise young professional employees to be part of the network, and to deliver the most exciting fundraising campaigns we can.

Specifically, we’re always looking for partners to help us deliver ‘back to work’ business visits – trips for older Mancunians to learn about the technology and business models behind the modern economy, so people can feel part of their rapidly changing city, rather than left behind by it.

So if you’re based in Manchester One or around Deansgate or Spinningfields or anywhere else in the city, why not invite your neighbours in to share what you do? Get in touch through our Contact page and we’ll get back to you soon.
Can I turn up late to a social club so I can get there after work?

Lots of our volunteers work long hours and aren’t able to leave work in time to get to a social club at its starting time. In these cases, we ask our volunteers either to:

1) Ask their employer if they’re able to leave work a bit early (and potentially make up the time somewhere else) so they can fit in their volunteering commitment, OR:

2) Attend one of our weekend social clubs. We have three a month, so even with a busy social life we hope you’ll be able to attend at least one of them.

Please don’t sign up to a club if you know it won’t be possible to make it there on-time or you’ll need to leave early – this can be disruptive. It’s important you’re there from the beginning to the end to make sure your older neighbours all have someone to talk to, and so we can fit all of the activities into what can be fairly tight timings.
Corporate partnerships

There are lots of ways we can work together to add value to your strategic objectives, from Charity of the Year partnerships to customer engagement projects. We also offer unique opportunities to engage your employees – from volunteer experiences at the heart of our work to field visits to see the difference you are making on the ground.

Our experienced team will work with you to tailor a partnership specific to your needs on a multi-year or a one-off basis. Get in touch with them on corporate.fundraising@fareshare.org.uk or 020 7064 8921.

Volunteer With Us

Take part in a great team-building day at one of our 21 Regional Centres. Find out about corporate volunteering.

Make us your Charity of the Year

You’ll receive a bespoke calendar of events, PR support and much much more. Find out about Charity of the Year.

Customer and Brand Engagement

Give your business a competitive edge and your brand a boost. Find out about brand partnerships.
CSR on a plate!

We offer corporate volunteering packages, specifically tailored for organisations. Many large companies already work with us including Sodexo, Kellogg’s, Ched, Simply Health, Gregg’s, CDL Software, Williams & Glynn/RBS. The feedback we have had so far is very positive. We are keen to encourage ongoing involvement by corporate volunteers, particularly through our Food Member Buddy Scheme, but also helping with the various volunteer roles outlined on our FareShare pages. Please email: miranda@emergemanchester.co.uk or call 0161 223 8200 Option 4 to explore further.
Corporate volunteering sessions are a great opportunity for an organisation to have fun, develop teamwork skills, and give something back to the local community. Your team can get their hands dirty help to plant trees, clear a plot of land, or construct a wildlife pond.

To find out more contact Kieron McGlasson

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Sponsorship

We provide corporate sponsorship opportunities with tangible and measurable benefits including: good PR from working with Sow the City, clear links between sponsorship and project outcomes such as reduction in food poverty, and attendance by Sow the City at your events.

Team building days

Get your staff involved in Sow the City corporate volunteering days that not only develop team work and communication skills but that also make a positive impact on the environment. Activities include planting trees, clearing a plot, or constructing a wildlife pond. You can choose from over 60 community and school projects across Greater Manchester.
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Here are some of the ways we can help:

- Choose from over 40 community and school projects across Greater Manchester that need your help.
- Many of these are located in the most disadvantaged areas of the city.
- A member of the Sow the City team will guide the event to help you achieve your team goal and to ensure you get the most out of the day.
- We will provide all of the necessary materials, tools and equipment.
- We can cater for small or larger groups.
- We can organise catering and refreshments to help keep your energy levels high.
- Your team will receive a feedback report after the event demonstrating the positive impact your team has made to the local community.
- Photos recording the events of the day will be provided.
- Our half day corporate volunteering sessions start at £20 per volunteer.

“a fantastic opportunity not only to give back to our local community but integrate better as a team. STC made the experience one that we will appreciate and remember. We will certainly work with them again in the near future and would encourage any fellow business to invest their time to support a good cause.”
At TCV we are experienced and committed to working with businesses and their employees to achieve increased social, economic and environmental benefit.

Here in the North our Employee Action Days are bespoke and enjoyable team-building projects which give your team the opportunity to carry out practical conservation and environmental work to improve green spaces in your local community. This programme of activity connects your team with the community you work in, and is perfect way to build team dynamics and staff morale.
Throughout the day, the volunteers will be able to choose from a range of tasks requiring various skills and fitness levels. They will receive appropriate training and learn new skills. Working at their own pace in teams outside of the working environment, they will be able to build new synergies with their co-workers as well as identify their own strengths and skills. The group and individual will receive a satisfying challenge as well as the sense of accomplishment from achieving the tasks. They will come back energised and with the satisfaction of having made a significant contribution.

**What does it cost?**

As a charity we are committed to full cost recovery and we will work together to your requirements and budgets.

Costs include:

- Trained volunteer support officers to lead your day - great care is taken to ensure that all employees and volunteers have a safe, inclusive and enjoyable experience
- Project planning and set-up costs
- Full risk assessment and insurance
- Provision of tools and safety equipment
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What we do
What would help?

- Skilled employee support
- Awareness raising
- One day challenge
- Fundraising
- Event Support