



OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR SCHOOL 2022-2023



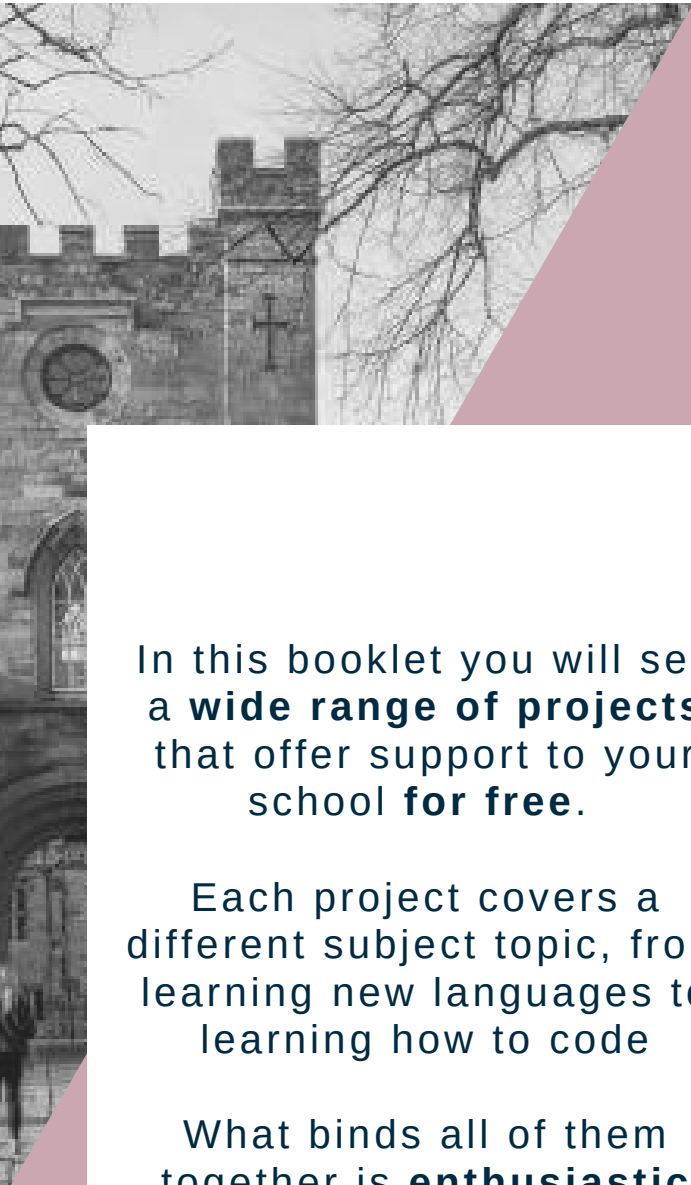
Durham University Volunteering Projects

Building partnerships with the local community



Durham University

Student Volunteering and Outreach



an overview

WHAT WE DO FOR YOU

In this booklet you will see a **wide range of projects** that offer support to your school **for free**.

Each project covers a different subject topic, from learning new languages to learning how to code

What binds all of them together is **enthusiastic Durham University students** who want to help your school.



Benefits for You

Durham University students are enthusiastic about supporting learning at your school. They are **passionate and knowledgeable** about the subjects they study.

Our volunteers are often motivated by sharing the joy for their subject and getting out in their newly adopted local community. International students offer a **different cultural perspective**.

Finally, our volunteers can help **give an insight into University life**, which can too often be distant and daunting. Plus, again, **it's free!**



how it works

OUR PROCESSES

Safeguarding

DUSVO aims to provide a safe environment for all participants, staff and volunteers. We are part of Durham University and therefore adhere to the Durham University Safeguarding Policy. A copy of the full policy can be found at (<https://www.dur.ac.uk/safeguarding/policy/>).

- All volunteers are trained in the University's safeguarding policy as part of their induction.
- All volunteers must abide by our social media and photography policy, alongside your school's safeguarding policies.
- Durham University requires volunteers working with children to have a valid enhanced DBS certificate or be in the process of applying for one through the University. If you would like to verify that a volunteer has or is obtaining a DBS certificate you can email DU staff at student.volunteering@durham.ac.uk
- Part of our policy states that a student will not be left alone with children, but instead there will always be another volunteer or teacher present.

How to get started

1. Please have a look through this booklet and see which projects may suit your school. What we offer is flexible so we encourage you to email if you have any other ideas about how we could help.
2. Email katie.binks@durham.ac.uk with the project(s) and the timings which would suit your school.
3. Our project leaders will then be in touch to organise the exact dates and times for volunteers to come in.

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CODE CLUB

Teaching children of all abilities and backgrounds to code

What we offer in detail

Children in this club will complete one pre-defined project per week (see useful links). The projects come at all levels and teach different skills from making games to building websites. They are designed for primary school age children and above by Code Club UK, a charity that works with the Department for Education.

We have primarily used scratch in the past however we can work with you to choose a programming language and course that is right for your students.

Curriculum

Given the range of projects available from Code Club, you can choose some of what the children learn. They can work with scratch, a game building tool, python, a widely used programming language, or website building. Children will learn about controlling program flow (using if statements), looping (like repeat statements or while loops), functions and much more. This will build their programming ability, logical reasoning and planning

Offered to years

4-13

What we offer

Regular Club

Timing information

Preferred Time:

Wednesday Afternoon

Regularity:

Once a week

Length:

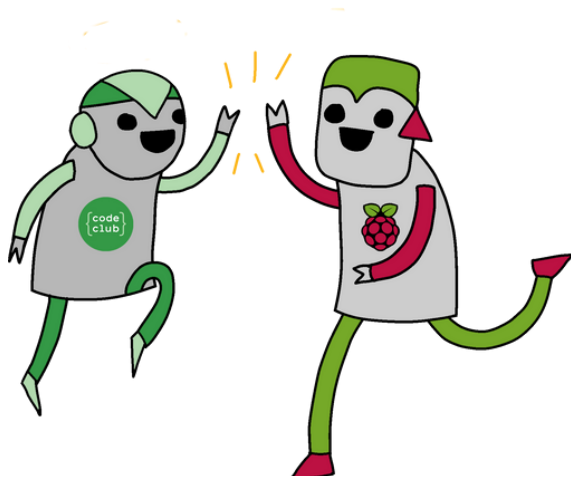
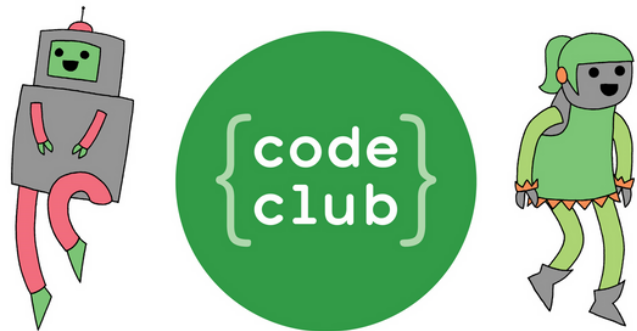
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Useful Links

<https://codeclub.org/en/>

<https://www.codecademy.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/DurhamCodeClub/>



SIXTH FORM TUTORING

Bringing free individualised tutoring to local sixth forms

What we offer in detail

Sixth Form Tutoring aims to provide further academic help to A-level students within a wide range of school subjects. The project offers 1 hour sessions, in which university students mentor tutees in a certain subject. These are typically one-to-one, but there is a possibility to mentor up to 3 tutees at a time. The time is agreed upon by the tutor and the tutee and the location should be the school itself.

Curriculum

The sessions will potentially involve further help with challenging homework, topics and discussing problem sheets prepared by the tutor.

Offered to years

12-13

What we offer

Regular Club

Timing information

Preferred Time:

Mon-Fri, during school's opening hours, co-agreed by tutor and tutee

Regularity:

1 session/wk

Length:

1 hour

ENVIRONMENT CLUB

Educating about environmental and sustainability issues in an exciting and engaging way.

What we offer in detail

Generally, we offer one-off sessions, comprising of hands-on activities to help expose pupils to environmental issues and educate them.

This is a new project for the year 2020-21 so we hope to develop some more permanent links with some schools, to set up a programme of more regular sessions, either with a single class of students, or with a different group of students each session.

Curriculum

The sessions will involve discussing topical environment and sustainability issues in an exciting way.

Offered to years

1-9

What we offer

Regular Club

Workshops

Timing information

Regularity:

1 session every weeks or one-off workshops

Length:

1 hour

1-2-1 TUTORING

Durham based 1-2-1 tutoring project pairing university student volunteers with a local GCSE/A level pupil to tutor in a subject of their choice

What we offer in detail

1-2-1 Tutoring, which is Durham's largest volunteering project, involves Durham students volunteering an hour of their time each week to tutor a local GCSE/A-Level student in a subject of their choice.

The tutoring takes place from 7-8pm on a day of the volunteer's choosing, either online or on the university site. The project is hugely oversubscribed as it has earned a strong reputation across County Durham.

Curriculum

Simply tell us the subjects you would like to teach, whether GCSE or A-Level, and we will match you with a tutor

Offered to years

14-18

What we offer

Regular Club

Workshops

Timing information

Regularity:

1 session every weeks or one-off workshops

Length:

1 hour

CRECHE

Volunteers support regular staff with activities including games and general care of the young children, with all activities supervised by trained staff.

What we offer in detail

Volunteers will offer early years care for an hour or two each week or on a regular basis. They can assist with games and activities as well as assisting in general care of young children.

Offered to years

0-1

What we offer

Regular Club

Timing information

Regularity:

1 session every weeks or one-off workshops

Length:

1 hour

DURHAM GLOBAL SCHOOLS

Welcoming students from around the world into schools to share information about their home country and culture

What we offer in detail

Many of our pupils have little direct contact with people from other countries and cultures or whose religious views are different to their own. Durham University's international students are offering schools in the county the chance to support the delivery of key British values through a school visit volunteering programme, which underpins teaching around mutual respect, and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs.

Offered to years

0-1

What we offer

Workshops

Timing information

Regularity:

Once a week or a one-off visit

Length:

1 hour

CONCERT BAND WORKSHOPS

Assisting in student's musical development and giving then the chance to perform with an established band

What we offer in detail

We are offering a free workshop to students in Durham and the surrounding area who play a wind, brass, or percussion instrument at Grade 4 and above. It will be a great experience for all involved and offers the children the fantastic opportunity to perform to a large audience alongside an established University concert band. We are flexible to work around your existing rehearsal times.

You can find out more about Durham university Concert band here:
<https://concert-bandsociety.webspace.durham.ac.uk/>

Curriculum

The event will consist of two afternoon music workshops followed by the opportunity for the children to play in one of our concerts. At the outreach event, volunteers from the Concert Band, who have received relevant training from Durham University Student Volunteering Organisation (DUSVO), will be matched to the children by instrument

Offered to years

9 - 12

What we offer

Workshops

Timing information

Regularity:

1 - 4 workshops

Length:

Flexible to rehearsal times



SCHOOL SHOW SUPPORT WORKSHOPS

Supporting schools in the technical and backstage elements of school productions

What we offer in detail

We are offering free workshops in schools on backstage and technical theatre in order to support schools in putting on productions.

We can offer external workshops at your school using your school equipment, or visits to the Assembly Rooms, a professional 80 seat theatre in the centre of Durham to build both confidence and excitement about your school show

All volunteers have received health and safety technical training and are in possession of nationally recognised industry qualifications.

Curriculum

We cover topics such as :

- Stage Management
- Set design
- Lighting Design
- Sound Design
- Technical theatre
- Costume

We can offer dance, acting, and musical theatre workshops upon request!

Offered to years

3 - 13

What we offer

**Workshops
Theatre Visits**

Timing information

Regularity:

1 session every week or one off workshops

Length:

Workshops: 1 hour per workshop
Visits: Flexible



DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOLAR CAR TEAM

Offering engaging presentations and workshops on engineering and sustainability.

What we offer in detail

Durham University Solar Car offers an insight into what it's like studying engineering at university whilst also showing the importance of sustainability. We aim to get students interested in STEM by talking about our solar-powered car!

We can offer sessions for a wide range of ages from primary school through to post-16. We bring knowledgeable engineers from the Solar Car team, give an interactive presentation and run fun competitions. This year is a busy year as we're building a new car, so there will always be things to talk about, such as our upcoming race in Australia!

Curriculum

These Sessions will involve discussions around engineering and sustainability within this sector, whilst also incorporating interactive and fun activities and competitions to engage students.

Offered to years

3 - 13

What we offer

Workshops

Timing information

Regularity:

One-off school visits

Length:

1 hour per sessions



DUSVO BAKES

Baking free cakes for kids who may need them

What we offer in detail

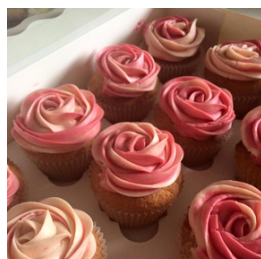
DUSVO Bakes aims to help the local community by providing baked goods for different events. One of our biggest services is providing children who may be unable to afford them free birthday cakes baked by volunteers.

If you know of a child who may be in need of this service, you can refer them to us and we can pass on the request to our team of bakers.

Offered to years

1 - 13

Service



TUTOR FOR UKRAINE

What we offer in detail

The Tutor for Ukraine Project was formed to help Ukrainian children fleeing from war to learn English. Within their first month, they received over 500 requests for lessons and now have over 50 tutors who are ready to teach.

If you have Ukrainian students you think would benefit from this service, please email tutorforukraine@gmail.com

Curriculum

Volunteers lead 1 hour sessions for a series of 10 weeks, following basic lesson plans to help the children learn English. The sessions are held virtually on Tuesdays, Thursday, and two sessions on Saturday mornings.

Offered to years

3 -9

What we offer

Regular Club

Timing information

Regularity:

1 session per week
for 10 week

Length:

1 hour

