

NEWSLETTER

Michaelmas Term Newsletter

ISSUE 1
09-10-2023

Newsletter Welcome

Welcome to the first college volunteering newsletter for the 2023-24 academic year. This will be used as channel of communication to let you all know about volunteering opportunities happening in colleges, general volunteering opportunities, as well as events you can get involved with. Typically, the newsletter will include more college volunteering information, but this one is just a brief overview of how fresher's week went, and to let you know what will be happening in the immediate future.

Who Am I?

I also want to briefly introduce myself as it is likely that many of you who volunteer within your college, or have a role within volunteering and outreach will interact with me throughout the year. I am Kai, the Graduate Intern Volunteering Assistant for Colleges, Departments and Societies this year. This role has already been rewarding for me and I really hope to help you all do as much volunteering as possible over the year.

I recently completed my MA in Museum and Artefact Studies at Durham and will be graduating (hopefully) in January. I volunteer at Durham Museum and Heritage Centre at the weekends, and spend the majority of my free time in museums or visiting ruins.


I am here to help you with all things college volunteering, but also if you think your department has space for volunteering opportunities, or you want your society to get involved in something then please get in touch. You can contact me at college.volunteering@durham.ac.uk.



To find out more:

Check out our social media and website

 @du_college_volunteering

 <https://duvolunteering.webspace.durham.ac.uk>

Or contact us at

 college.volunteering@durham.ac.uk

 PC041, The Palatine Centre

Fresher's Fair Reflection

Fresher's Fair on the 27th of September saw thousands of students coming to chat to us about volunteering. The day was a great success and we couldn't have done it without help from some of our college volunteering reps: Liv from St Aidan's, Kai from John Snow and Flynn from Stephenson.

It was a busy day for the team, but it was a great opportunity for us all to work together. DUSVO, the Team Durham Community and College Volunteering teams all lent a hand to each other where needed.



Volunteering Info Sessions



So far this term we have run volunteering information sessions for around 300 students. We presented at Josephine Butler College, Stephenson College and Ustinov College, as well as the Department of Archaeology to share useful information about getting involved in volunteering at University. Get in touch with our team at college.volunteering@durham.ac.uk or speak to your college volunteering rep if you would like us to come to your college.

Volun'tea'

EJ (the Student Volunteering Assistant) and Kai (the College Volunteering Assistant) will be holding the first Volun'tea' and biscuits session at **3.00pm on Wednesday 11th October**. Please come along and chat to us about your volunteering experiences, ask us questions and tell us your future volunteering plans. If you're unsure about where to start, we can help find the best volunteering opportunity for you! There will be tea, coffee and biscuits and the session will be really chilled out – you can come and go whenever suits you! We would love to meet as many of you who volunteer as we can, and we want you all to know that we are here to support you in every way that we can.

Where: Palatine Centre
Room 003

When: 25th October
8th November
22nd November
6th December



Volunteering Opportunities

Lumiere - Light Art Festival

From the 16th-19th November, Durham will host the Lumiere Festival featuring light art creations by local and internationally-renowned artists which will be dotted around the city in public spaces or projected onto buildings.

To sign up as a volunteer, copy this link or scan the QR code which will take you to our DU volunteering platform: <https://durhamuniversityvolunteering.teamkinetic.co.uk/volunteers/opportunity/10209564>

You will then receive an email which will prompt you to sign up on the Durham County Council website which you must do in order to receive all the relevant information.

LUMIERE
BRILLIANT 2023



Durham Markets - Family Arts & Crafts

During the schools October half-term holiday, why not give a hand to the team at Durham Markets to run some free arts and crafts for families? The first session will take place on the 30th of October in Durham Market Place, as part of an Outdoor Market event.

Sign up here: <https://durhamuniversityvolunteering.teamkinetic.co.uk/volunteers/opportunity/10211253>

The Auckland Project



The Auckland Project is a regeneration heritage charity based in Bishop Auckland, in the south of County Durham.

The project aims to regenerate the town of Bishop Auckland through arts, culture and heritage. There are four main venues: Auckland Tower, Auckland Castle (including the Bishop Trevor Gallery), the Spanish Gallery and the Mining Art Gallery, with the brand new Faith Museum which launched a couple of weeks ago.

There are various volunteering opportunities available, the main one of which is visitor operations which will see you welcoming visitors or helping with tickets and in the gift shops. Alongside this, there are other activities such as being a handy person, doing photography, or running drop-in sessions for locals (transformative arts facilitator, Rock Up (Homework Club) volunteer, etc.).



More information here: <https://durhamuniversityvolunteering.teamkinetic.co.uk/volunteers/provider-profile/242763>



Scan this QR code to visit our volunteering platform - there you will be able to sign up as a volunteer, see all of the available opportunities and log your hours.