

NEWSLETTER

Michaelmas Term Newsletter

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Volun'tea'

EJ (the Student Volunteering Assistant) and I (Kai - the College Volunteering Assistant) held Volun'tea' sessions throughout Michaelmas term. We had a great time meeting student volunteers and answering questions about volunteering over drinks and biscuits. We would love to meet more of you so please come along to our first session of the new year which will take place at the **Volunteering Fair** on **Wednesday 17th January**.

Michaelmas Term Highlights

Christmas Craft Sessions

We did Christmas craft sessions at various colleges including Trevelyan, Hatfield and Josephine Butler who contributed to the amazing number of reindeer dust, sweet cones, and Christmas tree lollipops needed for our community partners.





Christmas Card Appeal

06 November - 10 December 2023

For the last few years colleges have created Christmas cards for local care homes. There were collections taking place at Collingwood, John Snow, Josephine Butler, South, St Aidan's, St Chad's, St Hild and St Bede, St John's, St Mary's, Stephenson, Trevelyan, and Ustinov.

Some colleges held events and created some beautiful cards, and we had volunteers join us at our Give It A Go Volun'tea' to write cards.

Josephine Butler College Volunteering Day

A big well done to Josephine Butler reps Emma and Molly for putting on a great college Volunteering Day on the 5th of December. Around 50 volunteers participated in a wide range of opportunities throughout the day, and despite the less-than-ideal weather conditions, 7 volunteers participated in a beach clean at Seaham or the riverside litter pick. They had volunteers going out to sort donations for Stray Aid. Lastly, a whole host of volunteers (including staff!) coming into the college bar to do craft activities such as painting well-being rocks for RT Projects, wrapping presents for St Cuthbert's Hospice and writing cards to be sent to people living in local care homes. In the evening they held a wonderful Christmas-themed Intergen meeting, with a performance from Butler Soul Band. Well done and thank you to all Josephine Butler volunteers!



Stephenson's Michaelmas Volunteering

Stephenson College has had a successful term of volunteering! They sent consistent numbers to help Durham Riverscape with their monthly litter pick and hosted a massive beach clean with 30 people on an early Saturday morning. During the festive period, they visited and held a Christmas Carol Concert for the residents at Sherburn House and helped raise over £1,000 at St Cuthbert's Hospice Christmas Fair.



Festive Food Drive

Alongside the 4 other North East universities - Newcastle University, Northumbria University, University of Sunderland and Teesside University - Durham University took part in a massively successful festive food drive. All the donations have been split between two local food banks - Feeding Families and County Durham Food Bank. We had several amazing contributions from colleges including Collingwood, Josephine Butler, South, St Aidan's, St Hild and St Bede, Stephenson, Trevelyan, and Ustinov.



Christmas Vacation Opportunities

Santa's Sleigh - Rotary Club

Help deliver some Christmas cheer this year by helping the Rotary Club with Santa's Sleigh, each weekend of December.

The Sleigh will operate from 10.00am to 4.00pm each day, except the 24th of December when Santa will leave for the North Pole at 2.00pm. There are two shorter sessions each day so you don't have to be there for a full six hours. Click [here](#) to sign up.

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Shincliffe Poplar Tree Garden Centre

Sainsbury's Arnison Centre

Marks & Spencer Arnison Centre

Market Place Durham City Centre



Volunteering Fair



In January we are hosting a Durham University Volunteering Fair for both staff and students. At the fair we will have a few college volunteering tables - please fill in this form if you would like a table and make sure to bring all your own resources. You will be expected to bring your own materials and attend to your table. If you are unable to come along to represent your college, please send us an up-to-date summary of all your volunteering projects to college.volunteering@durham.ac.uk by Wednesday 10th January 2024.



Volunteering Fair

 17 January 2024

 10:00am - 1:00pm

 Palatine Centre

Are you looking for new volunteering opportunities?

Meet our college representatives, project managers, community partners, volunteering staff, and fellow volunteers!

For more information, please contact student.volunteering@durham.ac.uk



Student Volunteering Week 2024



Student Volunteering Week 2024 will take place from February 12th to February 18th.

This is a great week to promote established college volunteering projects and host one off opportunities such as a college volunteering day.

If you have any ideas for opportunities to promote to your students during this week or if we can be of any assistance, please contact us at college.volunteering@durham.ac.uk.

Volunteer Awards Working Group

Student and Staff volunteers needed!

Would you to be involved in planning the 2024 Volunteering Awards?

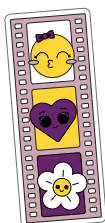
The Volunteering and Outreach Team are looking for a student and staff college representative to join the Volunteering Awards 2024 working group. This working group organises the awards, from deciding the award categories, all the way down to the table decorations.

Working group meetings will begin during the week commencing 22nd January 2024. If you would like to be involved in the working group, please email college.volunteering@durham.ac.uk, by Friday 19th January.

We also need a different staff and student college representative to be on the judging panel for the awards ceremony.



Volunteer Memories



Next year we are celebrating 35 years of student volunteering at Durham University, and in preparation for this we want to hear about your experiences. If you have any memories you would like to share with us, please fill in [this form](#).