



Calderdale Cares Community Newsletter



Free Assistance for Your Community

Who are Calderdale Cares?

Calderdale Cares is all about employee volunteering. It offers a range of opportunities for local companies and their staff to use their time and skills to make a difference within the Calderdale community.

It is a local organisation that helps community groups and organisations receive volunteer help on an individual or group basis. It is an initiative of Business in the Community, hosted by Action Halifax.

Calderdale Cares matches the community projects with the particular skills and resources of different companies and their staff. We are looking for a variety of projects for Calderdale Cares volunteers to complete throughout the year; this can be for a day or for a specific longer term project.



LONGFIELD Community Centre had a complete makeover by a group of secretaries from HBOS. The 12 secretaries spent two days painting the Todmorden centre. They spruced up the main meeting room, the kitchen, bathroom and hallway, by painting the walls, ceilings and doors in bright colours. They even made new curtains to match the colour scheme.

Kath Stowell, a secretary at the Trinity Road headquarters, said: "It was a great day and it was good to get out of the office and do something totally different than sitting at a desk all day.

Louise Castro, project co-ordinator at Todmorden Together, which is involved in the centre, said: "They worked so hard and it makes such a big difference. If you walk into a place that looks so nice, it gives you a feeling of wellbeing and makes you feel better about yourself. "

How can we help you?

Practical Projects

Many volunteers from businesses wish to work together on short term projects in which they can see the impact that their input has created:

Projects can include;

- Day trips
- Picnics
- Make over days
- Arts and crafts
- Healthy eating days
- Creating sensory gardens
- Setting up vegetable plots
- Environmental projects
- Decorating



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Business and Management Skills

Are you looking for particular skills that would help your group work better?

Many business volunteers have a wide range of skills that they can share with you including;

“Through the Partners in Leadership scheme, I am looking forward to working with Pennine Housing 2000.

There are many common areas of development in leadership and management and this link will provide a valuable opportunity for us both to learn from each other, sharing good practice which I’m sure will benefit both organisations.”

*Helen Lennie
Head Teacher, Rastrick High School*

For example;

- Human resources
- Health and Safety
- Marketing
- IT
- Marketing
- Business planning
- People management
- Project management

If you think that Calderdale Cares can assist your organisation than it’s very easy to get involved. There are a few simple steps to take:

- Contact Calderdale Cares. A member of the Calderdale Cares team will come and visit you to discuss what your needs are and how we can match those needs with the time and skills from business.
- Register for FREE! Complete a registration form with details of your organisation
- Complete details of the assistance that you need
- Calderdale Cares will then promote these opportunities to our supporting employers



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