

How to find “Hands-On” Team Volunteering Opportunities in Dublin



1. VOL & VOLUNTEER CENTRES

Check out Volunteer Ireland’s national volunteer database [I-Vol](#) to find general volunteer opportunities or more specifically [here](#) for a list opportunities deemed by organisations as being suitable for corporate volunteers or teams.

Alternatively, from time to time your local Volunteer Centre may know of an organisation in your area that needs a team of volunteers. Click [here](#) for contact details of your nearest Volunteer Centre or visit www.volunteer.ie.

2. JOIN EXISTING VOLUNTEER TEAMS

Join an existing organised group as a one off activity (see suggestions below – this reduces your coordination time and resources).

Alternatively, if you have a specific date in mind, contact the organisation to see if they can host your team on that date. This will always be subject to the host organisation’s Volunteer Supervisor availability and group size and appropriate notice. It is recommended that a donation is made when an organisation facilitates a team day outside their regular date or if they don’t charge specifically for team coordination services. This is to recognise that the Supervisors are volunteers themselves and may need to take a day off work to host your team.

Practical activities:

Serve the City - As a volunteer-led community initiative, the aim of Serve the City is simply to meet the practical needs of people in the community and to promote community-wide volunteerism. By painting a house, clearing an overgrown garden, or sitting down for a visit with the elderly, they are making Ireland a better place to live – one act of kindness at a time. Serve Days typically take place on Saturdays throughout the city.

Contact: Facebook www.facebook.com/stcdublin, www.servethecity.ie or email volunteer@servethecity.ie

Tidy Towns: These volunteer groups are always looking for help, especially from April-October, and may have a project in mind ideally suited to your team numbers. To find a local one to your company visit www.tidytowns.ie.

Gardening activities:

Community Gardens need volunteers to help with weeding, planting, composting, creating awareness about plants and vegetables grown in the garden. There are loads of community gardens throughout Dublin. Check out your nearest community garden on Dublin Community Growers website, and contact the specific garden to see if they can facilitate a team for any specific projects.

Visit: www.dublincommunitygrowers.ie

Peter McVerry Trust (www.pmvtrust.ie) is committed to reducing homelessness, drug misuse and social disadvantage through its housing and support services. They have a horticultural programme in a residential rehabilitation setting in North Dublin, where volunteer teams are welcome to assist with.

For more information about their Employee Volunteering Days please contact the Fundraising Office on 01 8230776 or e-mail fundraising@pmvtrust.ie

Conservation / Environmental activities

Canal Clean-Up help make the Canals a nicer place for people and the local wildlife to enjoy. All are welcome, no equipment needed, just bring some team spirit and a sense of fun! The **Royal Canal Clean Up** usually takes place on 2nd Saturday of every month in Dublin. Email royalcanalteam@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/royalcanal

The **Grand Canal Clean Up** takes place on the 1st Saturday of every month for 2 hours from 10am. Meeting Point: Leeson St. Bridge (along the canal bank on the town side, Look out for a bench with litter pickers, rubbish bags etc.)

Email: dooley.stephanie@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/groups/grandcanal

Bull Island Action Group - Volunteers are needed to help clean beaches and sand dunes on Bull Island. On the 3rd Saturday of every month, all year round, always meet at the entrance to Dollymount Strand just past Royal Dublin Golf Club. From city centre, Bus 130 from Abbey Street.

Contact: Donal McGuirk by emailing bullislandactiongroup@gmail.com

Conservation Volunteers - Practical conservation outings every weekend in forests around Dublin. Care for the trees and build fences etc.

They work every Saturday in different locations in Dublin. You are welcome to help one day, or every week. Transport provided.

Website: www.conservationvolunteers.ie or email: dublincv@gmail.com

Event Volunteering

Consider helping out at one-off events or festivals, helping to coordinate, or act as stewards or support volunteers on the day. Check out Dublin City Volunteer Centre's event page (<http://www.volunteerdublincity.ie/-Events-.html>), www.eventvolunteers.ie or www.volunteer.ie for local events that need volunteers.

3. OTHER SOURCES:

- Your colleagues or friends who volunteer in their personal time can also be a good source of volunteer projects. It might be useful to ask them to check if their organisation needs support from a team like yours. This adds an extra personal sense of motivation to the day.
- Think outside the box – organise a Corporate Blood donation with a [Work Ferry!](#)
- Run your own team fundraising event or check regularly on social media to see what organisations need fundraisers for specific events.
- Charities that also facilitate Corporate Volunteers include:
 - [Habitat for Humanity \(Ireland\)](#),
 - [DSPCA](#)
 - [St Michael's House](#)
 - [MS Ireland](#)

About Volunteer Ireland

Volunteer Ireland is the national volunteer development agency supporting Volunteer Centres and Volunteer Information services nationwide. Our vision is people connecting to and participating in their communities to build a better Irish society. Our mission is to promote the value of volunteering and increase the range and quality of volunteering in Ireland.

