

vInspired schools

Why volunteer?

Be prepared

At school you will be faced with some difficult decisions to make. You will start to ask yourself 'what do I want to do when I leave?'

Now is the time for you to start working out what it is that you want to do. You can think about the things that you enjoy doing and what you would like to do as a job or study at university.

Volunteering offers you the opportunity to try a little bit of everything - retail, office work, working outdoors. The opportunities are endless. The best part is, you can try it, and if you don't like it, you can always try something else!

You got it.

Applying to uni?

When writing your personal statement to UCAS, you might find yourself find yourself lost for words. Applying to university is not just about getting the grades but proving that you are the best candidate. Remember, there are plenty other people out there that want it too, and to get in, you need to stand out.

That's where volunteering comes in. As a volunteer, you will ALWAYS have something to write about. Even if you don't think what you're doing is anything special, you're just being modest. Now's the time to blow your own trumpet.

No problem.

Build a great CV

Getting a job with no experience is hard.

More and more employers are now looking for candidates with experience, and more often than not, as a school leaver, you won't have it. So, what do you put on your CV, when you're looking to land your first job?

Volunteering is the perfect way to gain experience, whilst also demonstrating that you're committed (because you're working for free!), capable (because you learn on the job) and you'll have a reference at the end of it. Don't forget that not only are you gaining that valuable experience that you need, you are also making a difference in your community. Nice.

Remember, even if you're volunteering in a different field to what you actually want to do, transferable skills are highly valued.

Sorted.

Rock the interview

You have been invited to interview for a job and you are worried about what you are going to say.

Don't forget that on the vInspired Schools website, you can write about your volunteering experience as you go along. This is a great starting point for you to work out what you want to discuss in your interview.

Work it.

Stand out from
the crowd.
Volunteer.