

How businesses can support Leicestershire Cares

There are a wide range of ways that businesses can support Leicestershire Cares' work with schools, young people and community groups.

Schools

Business volunteers can help students improve their employability, maths and reading skills by participating in:

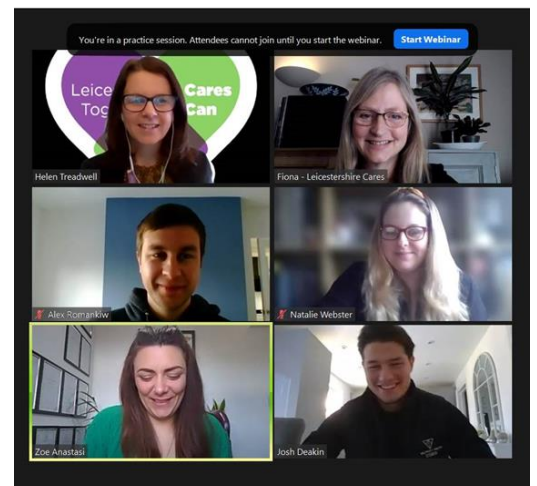
- ▶ **Interview Technique events** – providing one-to-one mock interviews to students in their GCSE or A-Level years.
- ▶ **Tailored employability sessions** – including CV workshops, career talks, careers fairs, industry events and work tours.
- ▶ **Go For Reading** – weekly mentored reading sessions for students in Year 7 or Year 8.
- ▶ **Number Partners** – weekly mentored maths sessions for primary school students.
- ▶ Activities with **special schools** to help raise their aspirations and gain experience of the world of work.

Young people

We currently support care leavers, young offenders, refugee and asylum seekers, and long-term unemployed young people, all of whom benefit greatly from business volunteer support.

You can help these young people take steps towards employment and training by participating in:

- ▶ **Employability sessions** – including CV workshops, career talks, webinars, industry events and careers fairs.
- ▶ **Mock interviews** – providing one-to-one mock interviews to unemployed young people.
- ▶ **Work tours** – taking a group of young people around your workplace to raise aspirations, increase their awareness of the jobs available and promote your business.
- ▶ **Work placements** – providing a two week work placement for young people to gain experience, skills and an understanding of how to behave in the workplace.





- ▶ **Mentoring** – taking part in one of our mentoring programmes to help a young person achieve their goals.
- ▶ **Life skills workshops** – sessions which help young people develop skills for their wider lives, gain new interests and make friends, e.g. cooking, fitness, budgeting and social activities.

Community groups

We support a diverse range of community groups across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Business volunteers can support these groups to create even more impact in their local communities by participating in:

- ▶ **Team Challenges** – creating a nicer environment for a community group, e.g. by painting a room or planting a garden.
- ▶ **Social Challenges** – running a fun social session with a community group's service users, e.g. a Christmas party.
- ▶ **Donating items and fundraising** – contributing to our campaigns to raise money and collect items for groups in need.
- ▶ **Volunteering** – giving your time to support a particular group or initiative, such as a food bank.
- ▶ **Skills share** – delivering training to community groups, e.g. on bookkeeping, using social media, employment law and so on.
- ▶ **Mentoring and coaching** – linking with a community group to help them reach a specific goal.
- ▶ **Celebrating religious festivals** – supporting a diversity of faith groups to celebrate throughout the year, e.g. at Christmas, Eid, Diwali, Navratri, Chinese New Year and more.
- ▶ **Go For Reading** – supporting children and/or adults whose first language is not English to develop their English reading skills.
- ▶ **Translators** – volunteer to translate their company's careers/vacancies into communities' native languages to help them into employment.



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