Bassetlaw Community Voluntary Service – Worksop Guardian Column Entry By Annie Parry – Volunteer Coordinator

Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service launch "Donate You" campaign ahead of National Volunteers Week.

Bassetlaw Community Voluntary Service (BCVS) are pleased to announce lots of exciting plans to promote and encourage volunteering across the district, including two recruitment events in Bassetlaw during Volunteers' Week 2022 which takes place nationally from $1^{st} - 7^{th}$ June.

The two events being organised by BCVS will allow local groups and charities to showcase their work and advertise their volunteering opportunities and will be taking place on the following dates:

- Retford Buttermarket Wednesday 1st June 10.30am 12.30pm
- Worksop The Bridge Skills Hub Tuesday 7th June 1.00pm 3.00pm

Groups, charities and organisations from across the district will be in attendance to encourage volunteering and let attendees know how much they can make a difference in the local community if they were to **donate their time** and volunteer locally.

People volunteer for all sorts of reasons. They might want to meet new people who share their interests, or get to know their local community. They might be driven by their own values or beliefs. Some want to develop or exercise particular skills, and some want to help create, drive or sustain a new initiative in their part of the district. Most want to help others and make a difference.

You don't need to be any particular type of person to enjoy volunteering. If you're happy in company, you could join a community team. If you like meeting new people, you could work in a shop or café.

Equally, if you enjoy working by yourself, there are plenty of roles for behind-the-scenes or solo activities that give you some quality 'me' time while still doing some good for others.

The voluntary sector has been massively impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, and is in desperate need of new volunteers to help make sure the sector can continue to thrive with the passion and enthusiasm that volunteers bring to the table.

You don't need to commit to a huge amount of time or work – there are opportunities available where you will be needed for 1-2 hours a week, but if you have more time than that you can do as many hours a week as you are able to.

Part of BCVS' role as your local CVS is to help people find the right opportunity, in an environment that they feel safe and happy to work in.

Whatever your motivation for volunteering, we will work with you to identify the opportunities that can help you realise and achieve your goals.

Both volunteer information events are free to attend – so if you are interested in exploring the volunteering roles and opportunities with the local charities in attendance and many more that we will be sharing on their behalf.

Just turn up on the day. Everyone is welcome.

If you are a charity or a group that would like to have a free stand to showcase your current volunteering opportunities please email Annie to book – involve@bcvs.org.uk.

Our phone number is 01909 476 118 and website is www.bcvs.org.uk





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