



# VOLUNTEER

## Dumfries and Galloway



## Volunteering Strategy

**2020 - 2023**



Volunteer Dumfries and Galloway is part of Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway

## What is Volunteer Dumfries and Galloway?



We support and give advice to organisations including community groups and charities about volunteers and volunteering.

We are part of Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway.

## What is a volunteer?



A volunteer is a person who chooses to do something but is not paid any money for doing it.

## What is our volunteering strategy?



It is a plan of how we will support volunteers and organisations that work with volunteers.

## Why do we need a volunteering strategy?



To develop and help volunteering in Dumfries and Galloway.

To make volunteering better for both volunteers and organisations that work with volunteers.

To meet goals set by the Scottish Government to make volunteering better and easier.

## What is our aim?



To make Dumfries and Galloway a great place to volunteer.

## Why is volunteering a good thing to do?



It is a good way to meet new people.

It can help build confidence.

You can learn new skills.

You can make a difference to your community.

You could have fun.

## How did we develop our strategy?



We asked volunteers questions about their experiences of volunteering.

We asked organisations who work with volunteers questions about why they have volunteers.

We asked people who are not volunteers why they did not volunteer.

**From the information we collected, we decided to look at 9 areas of work.**



- To help everyone see the benefits of volunteering.
- To help organisations that work with volunteers.
- To make it easier for people to volunteer.
- To encourage training and learning chances for volunteers and organisations that work with volunteers so that volunteering is better.
- To help young people become volunteers.
- To support decision makers in organisations that work with volunteers, by giving advice and training.
- To make volunteering better for everyone.
- To celebrate volunteering in Dumfries and Galloway.
- To make Volunteer Dumfries and Galloway a great place to find out about volunteering and how to look after volunteers.

## How will we do what we say we are going to do?



We have developed a list of things to do.

We call this our action plan.

Our action plan has all the things we are going to do in the next 3 years to help volunteers and organisations.

We will check our action plan often and make sure we are doing everything we said we would do.

## If you would like more information please



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