

Community & Volunteering Calendar

WHAT'S ON?



At Business in the Community, our goal is to raise aspirations, support skills development and enable everyone to engage fully in society and to prosper to the best of their abilities.

We have a range of volunteering opportunities available to help get your business into the heart of its community, including practical, skills-based and theme-based activities – a great way to enhance skills and teamwork amongst staff and make a positive difference in communities.

FEBRUARY

28 Charity Shops' Challenge | Official Launch

This event is only for companies that have signed up to take part in the Charity Shops' Challenge. Come along to hear more information on what the challenge will involve, hints and tips on making the most of the challenge for your business and to start planning to make your shop stand out on the day.



JUNE

1-7 Summer Volunteer Week

Celebrate the positive impact volunteering has in our communities by sharing your volunteering activities on social media using #VolunteersWeek.

11 Summer Volunteering Action Day

Volunteer your time to help local charities and community groups across Northern Ireland with a range of volunteering challenges.

MAY

24 Charity Shops' Challenge | Shop Take-over Day

Thirteen businesses take-over running a Cancer Focus charity shop, competing against each other to raise the most money for the charity. We can't wait to see the innovative fundraising activities in each shop.

TBC Impactful Employee Volunteering

Find out how to design and deliver impactful employee volunteering days, hints and tips for success and best practice case studies.

SEPTEMBER

2-30 Sustainable September

Help raise awareness of the benefits of donating items to charity. Organise a donation drive in your workplace, volunteer at a charity shop or organise a 'Swap Shop' to raise money one of our nominated partners.

SEP TO JUNE Volunteering with Schools

Help primary school children for one hour per week during term-time to improve literacy skills, numeracy skills, coding skills and confidence. Register below for: [Time to Read](#) [Time to Count](#) [Time to Code](#)



OCTOBER

TBC Community Connections Conference

A networking event for business and Voluntary/Community groups to help strengthen connections and explore key themes of mutual interest.

NOVEMBER

4-8 ProBono Week | Skills Match

To celebrate ProBono week, why not volunteer your skills for a charity in need. Charities and voluntary groups are looking for help and support from people with professional skills to share, such as digital marketing, website design, strategic planning and more.



DECEMBER

2-20 Cares at Christmas

Help local children, individuals and families this Christmas by donating items to our Cares at Christmas appeal which supports local charities reach those who need help most in our community.



2-20 Winter Volunteering Action Day

A range of practical volunteering opportunities, ranging from outdoor activities, volunteering at a charity shop, helping with bucket collections & much more.

If you are interested in bespoke volunteering tailored to your business, or if you are a charity or community group in need of corporate volunteers to help your organisation, please email volunteering@bitcni.org.uk.