

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.

JANUARY

- 28 Charity Shops' Challenge Launch**
Participating organisations are invited to a special event at Cancer Focus to launch the Charity Shops' Challenge. [Find out more](#)

MARCH

- 24 Step Into Spring Volunteer Action Day**
Get a team together to take part in volunteering activities with community & voluntary groups across NI. Activities range from painting, litter picking and gardening. [Find out more](#)

MAY

- 29 Charity Shops' Challenge: Shop Take-Over Day**
Businesses take over the running of a Cancer Focus charity shop for one day and compete against each other to make the most money for the charity. [Find out more](#)



JUNE

- 2 Summer Volunteer Action Day**
Get a team together to take part in volunteering activities with community & voluntary groups across NI. Activities range from painting, litter picking and gardening. [Find out more](#)
- 24 Charity Shops' Challenge Celebration Event**
Winners will be announced, including overall Challenge Champion. We will also reveal the grand total raised for Cancer Focus. [Find out more](#)

SEPTEMBER

- 1-30 Sustainable September** 
Help raise awareness of the benefits of donating items to charity. Organise a donation drive, volunteer at a charity shop or organise a 'Swap Shop' for one of or nominated charities. [Find out more](#)
- 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. [Find out more](#)

OCTOBER

- 20 Autumn Volunteer Action Day**
Get a team together to take part in volunteering activities with community & voluntary groups across NI. Activities range from painting, litter picking and gardening. [Find out more](#)

DECEMBER



- 1-18 Cares at Christmas**
Help local children and families this Christmas by donating items to our Cares at Christmas appeal that helps local charities reach those who need help most in our community. [Find out more](#)
- 1-18 Winter Volunteering**
A range of practical volunteering opportunities, ranging from outdoor activities, volunteering at a charity shop, helping with bucket collections & much more. [Find out more](#)

AVAILABLE ALL YEAR

- Digital Volunteering**
If you have an interest in bridging the digital divide and promoting digital inclusion, why not take part in digital volunteering or join our quarterly Digital Assist Steering Group. [Contact us](#)

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