

## Voluntary Work

Voluntary work is undertaken both in and out of school hours/curriculum. The planning, delivery and evaluation represents further activity which contributes to work related learning. This covers a very wide range of areas and issues.

After school clubs, including homework club, sports coaching younger pupils. ....

Working with disability groups (physical, mental, aged ....)

Fund raising campaigns to support charities

Hospital/care home/nursery.....

Youth organisations, ECO groups, community support groups ....

This can be regular long term or shorter one-off activities.

### BENEFITS FOR PUPILS

This provides a further opportunity for reflective review of activity which is 'real' and not necessarily school generated.

This encourages young people to recognise the positive contribution which they can make to society.

It values work which might otherwise not gain recognition.

### BENEFITS FOR BUSINESS

- Contact with potential recruits.
- Young people become more aware of employers' needs and expectations.
- Staff development opportunities such as increased knowledge of the education system and the further development of organisational, management and communication skills.

### ORGANISATIONAL ISSUES FOR SCHOOLS

For school hours activity organised by school staff, clear communication and lines of responsibility.

Need to ensure young people are aware of rights and responsibilities and informed of relevant legislation.

### COMMITMENT REQUIRED FROM COMPANIES/ORGANISATIONS

Wide variation depending on activity

### RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Depends on whether formally organised by school or outside organisation

### CERTIFICATION POSSIBILITIES

Could be incorporated into Personal Development SQA Units or subject area.

### YEAR GROUP TARGETED

S3-S6. (depending on degree of responsibility required)

### CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

See [www.eie-edinburgh.co.uk](http://www.eie-edinburgh.co.uk) for examples and suggestions.