



Caritas School Volunteers

The Caritas School Volunteer role is for people who are keen to support our young people share the love and mercy of God in practical ways. This is done through workshops, assemblies, presentations to staff or school councils and by supporting and developing social action projects. We work with primary and secondary schools across the diocese.

There are two elements to this role.

- An initial introduction of Caritas Portsmouth to both school staff and students. This will be carried out through meetings with staff, school councils, assemblies, workshops and consultation sessions.
- Support schools, along with Caritas Project Officers as they set up social action projects and help with the longer term development.

Our team will ensure you have the training and resources necessary for you to carry out your role.

You will be part of our Caritas Portsmouth volunteer team so will receive regular updates on activity across the diocese, as well as participate in volunteer events where you have the chance to meet other volunteers, exchange ideas and suggestions as well as develop, pray and reflect.

Frequently asked questions

What is the time commitment for this role?

You can work with as few or many schools as you have time for and choose your involvement. For example, you may want to only do assemblies or workshops, or help initiate a project or just be a link between a school and Caritas for an established project. We'll be keen to match you with schools close to you so you won't be travelling across the diocese. Activity will predominantly be during term times.

Is there any fundraising?

Catholic Social Teaching education and the introduction of projects are the key objectives for this role, but we wouldn't want to say no if a school wants to fundraise for us! However, it is not a condition of our involvement. Schools will need to raise funds for their own projects, although we can help with funding applications.

Will I need a DBS for this role?

As you will be working directly with students, you will need to have a DBS check and need to complete some safeguarding training. We will do this as part of your recruitment.

For more information and to apply, please email us at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk