Programme ideas: Volunteering section

When completing each section of your DofE, you should develop a programme which is specific and relevant to you. This sheet gives you a list of programme ideas that you could do or you could use it as a starting point to create a Volunteering programme of your own!

For each idea, there is a useful document giving you guidance on how to do it, which you can find under the category finder on www.DofE.org/volunteering

It’s your choice…
Volunteering gives you the chance to make a difference to people’s lives and use your skills and experience to help your local community. You can use this opportunity to become involved in a project or with an organisation that you care about.

Help with planning
You can use the handy programme planner on the website to work with your Leader to plan your activity.

Helping people:
Helping children
Helping children to read in libraries
Helping older people
Helping people in need
Helping people with special needs
Youth work

Community action & raising awareness:
Campaigning
Cyber safety
Council representation
Drug & alcohol education
Home accident prevention
Peer education
Personal safety
Promotion & PR
Road safety

Working with the environment or animals:
Animal welfare
Environment
Rural conservation
Preserving waterways
Working at an animal rescue centre
Litter picking
Urban conservation
Beach and coastline conservation
Zoo/farm/nature reserve work

Helping a charity or community organisation:
Administration
Being a charity intern
Being a volunteer lifeguard
Event management
Fundraising
Mountain rescue
Religious education
Serving a faith community
Supporting a charity
Working in a charity shop

Coaching, teaching and leadership:
Dance leadership
DofE Leadership
Group leadership
Leading a voluntary organisation group:
- Girls’ Venture Corps
- Sea Cadets
- Air Cadets
- Jewish Lads’ and Girls’ Brigade
- St John Ambulance
- Scout Association
- Air Training Corps
- Army Cadet Force
- Boys’ Brigade
- CCF
- Church Lads’ & Girls’ Brigade
- Girlguiding UK
- Girls’ Brigade
Sports leadership
Music tuition

Visit www.DofE.org/volunteering for more guidance, information, programme planners and programme ideas.