



# Helping out in Gateshead

## Where to go for help

If you need help in getting involved contact:  
[volunteering@gateshead.gov.uk](mailto:volunteering@gateshead.gov.uk) or visit  
[www.gateshead.gov.uk/volunteering](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/volunteering)

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- We want to support our residents to help out as much as possible in Gateshead communities.
- The Council wants to support as many people as possible to volunteer and get involved.
- Whether it's helping a neighbourhood, running a community centre or providing support or activities our commitment is to help residents get involved.

## What can we do to help?

- Promote the opportunities to help out
- Provide guidance to community groups, charities and the voluntary sector in how to promote the benefits of helping out, recruit and retain volunteers.
- To advise local businesses on the opportunities available to help out
- To match people who want to help out with people that need help
- Provide training for community groups, charities and the voluntary sector to manage volunteers
- Celebrate the difference that helping out in Gateshead communities makes every year and promote the Council Awards for those people that help

## What we hope to achieve

- Increase the number of people that help out by **1000** a year    
- Increase the economic benefit of helping out by **£100,000** a year 
- Increase the number of community groups, charities businesses registering volunteers (on the new system) 
- Increase the number of volunteer days by **50** 
- Increase the amount of volunteer roles available within Gateshead to over **400**  

## Principles

- Working with our community groups, charities and voluntary sector to identify what help they need and connect residents that want to help out.
- Work with local businesses to find ways in which they can help in Gateshead communities.
- Working with trade unions continue to consider how volunteers add further value to current services provided in Gateshead.
- Encourage everyone in Gateshead to promote helping out and share their experiences and examples