

Volunteer Fair speakers' programme

Apex Hotel, 1st September - first floor workshops

Talks and workshops run from 11.15 am until 4pm, 45 minutes with 15 minute break for participants to enter/leave and hosts to set up.

11.15 - 12 noon - James Carlin BEM, CEO of Bath City FC Foundation

The search for Volunteers: how do you appeal to those with no time?

Many people say they feel overwhelmed with information, work, and/or family responsibilities - so where can volunteering fit into people's busy lives?

What can we do as charities to make volunteering more appealing and flexible so that it works for a new generation of potential volunteers?

This interactive workshop will involve group activities discussing potential solutions to this issue, alongside other charities facing similar challenges.

12.15 - 1 pm - Sarah Oughton, Volunteer Manager at

SWAN Advice Network and Claire Henwood, Oasis Hub Bath

Retention: Clear communication and celebrating Volunteers

Managing, retaining and making sure volunteers are appreciated is an essential part of working with people who are giving their time and energy for your organisation. This interactive workshop will be in two parts, the first exploring what it means to communicate effectively with volunteers and the second hearing about ways in which you can make your volunteers feel extra valued. There will also be time for questions.

1.15 - 2 pm - Volunteer stories: with Fran Carroll, Bath Festivals and

BIRD, Bath

Volunteer stories: what is it like to be an active volunteer?

Come along and hear from local volunteers themselves! This will be an opportunity for those curious about volunteering to hear from others about their experiences.

Would-be volunteers and organisations are invited along to hear more and ask any questions.

2.15 - 3 pm - Panel discussion with invited companies and Chair

Private sector - how can we make Corporate Social Responsibility more meaningful?



A panel discussion with local companies and charities together to delve a little deeper into what the expectations and challenges are on both sides - and how experiences can be more meaningful and effective in future.

3.15 - 4pm - Eco Together, Transition Bath

Four main powers for change: how can individuals make a difference?

Many people are concerned about climate change but feel confused and helpless. Can volunteers really make a difference to climate change? During this workshop we will enable volunteers to understand the powers that we each have to take action. Learn how volunteers can be empowered within their own lives and also engage a wider community to make a real difference. Together, could volunteers be the practical force we need to make positive change happen?

“The will to act against climate change is itself a renewable resource” Al Gore