



EDUCATION & ADVOCACY

Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity

[Digital Champion- Great Barford](#)

[Digital Champion- Sharnbrook](#)

Digital Champions are people of all ages and from all backgrounds and communities.

They help others understand the benefits of using the internet and can show them how to do simple things online that can make a huge difference to people's lives.

FACES

[1:1 Family Support Volunteer](#)

FACES are always on the lookout for new volunteers to support families with children aged 0-19 and who are experiencing hardship due to various reasons including domestic abuse, mental health struggles or isolation.

[Family Support - Family Groups](#)

The FACES family support groups are for families who do not usually access other services for a variety of reasons. The aim of the groups are to reduce social isolation for children and parents, promote school readiness and help with child development.

Schoolreaders

[School reader volunteers needed in Bedfordshire](#)

1 in 4 children left primary school last year unable to read well. This means they are unable to fully access their secondary education and this can have a lifelong impact. Schoolreaders wants to help change this. We now operate in every county in England, supporting over 27,000 children each week.

Action Tutoring

[Volunteer tutor](#)

By volunteering as a tutor at a local school or online, you'll be supporting children to build their confidence and help ensure they leave school with the grades needed to build a bright future. We provide the resources – you bring your enthusiasm! You'll use our workbooks to deliver your sessions.

Working Options

[Careers Inspiration Volunteer](#)

We're the charity empowering 11-19-year-olds to know their options and find their career paths. Collaborating with businesses and volunteers, we offer opportunities helping to shape the future careers of young people. The impact we have on young people is entirely thanks to our volunteers and we are looking for enthusiastic professionals across Bedfordshire, who are willing to share their experiences with our young people.

Coram Beanstalk

[Reading Helper: Primary School](#)

Reading Helpers are adult volunteers living or working within a 5 mile radius of a school that has asked for our help. You need to commit to at least an afternoon a week for a whole year during term-time, and as we invest in your training we'd appreciate it if you could stay longer.

Beyond Detention

[Support Volunteer](#)

Volunteers are required to help support the organisation with a variety of tasks and projects, usually in our office in the centre of Bedford.

[Casework Volunteer](#)

Volunteers are required to provide advice, guidance, and emotional support to people we support who are in Yarl's Wood IRC or have recently left and have been given the right to remain in the UK and who require ongoing support to establish themselves in their new community.

The Bedford Competition

[Reader](#)

We are looking people who love to read and/or write to become Readers. We have a volunteer team of around 50 Readers who assist with the initial assessment of Short Stories before they go forward to our Judges. Without our dedicated reading team the competition could not function.

Headway Bedford

['1 to 1' Cooking and Kitchen Skills Volunteer](#)

The main purpose of this role is to work with clients with acquired brain injury in a '1 to 1' setting to complete a variety of activities related to cookery. This may involve all steps in the process from choosing recipes to cook, putting together a shopping list, preparation of the kitchen area prior to cooking, following recipes and cleaning up afterwards.

['1 to 1' IT Session Volunteer](#)

The main purpose of this role is to work with clients with acquired brain injury on an individual basis to complete a variety of everyday IT specific activities, such as teaching clients how to use emails, calendars, access apps etc. Some clients may also want to increase their confidence and abilities with various computer programs (such as Microsoft Office, accessing the internet etc.).

Reactive8 The Nation CIC

[Volunteer Trade Operative](#)

For this volunteer position, we are looking for trades people with a passion for helping young people to realise their potential. Reactiv8 works with a great range of young people, many of whom have great interest in the trade sector. With a little direction, Reactiv8 aims to provide our young people with the best possible platform to build upon, regardless of their lived experiences and vulnerabilities.

One YMCA

[Volunteer Youth Worker](#)

You'll find plenty of ways to use your listening skills as well as being a first point of advice for practical concerns that young people face or for supporting them in fun and exciting activities and games. We have our Youth Sessions based in Central Family Hub in Bedford - get in touch and see how you could make a difference!

[Domestic Abuse Support Group Volunteer](#)

The role involves helping to set up the room, including arranging tables, chairs and resources, as well as welcoming participants and helping them feel comfortable and settled. Volunteers will also support facilitators with specific activities during sessions, while maintaining a friendly, approachable and non-judgmental attitude.

[Awareness Raising Volunteer](#)

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Victim Support Witness Service

[Witness Service Court-based Volunteer](#)

In this role you'll support victims and witnesses when they come to court by providing practical information and emotional support, helping them to feel confident when giving their evidence.

4YPUK Ltd

[Mentor to Young People](#)

As a mentor you will work with young people on a 1:1 basis once a week offering up to 12 sessions. As a youth mentor you will help a young person to improve their well-being. You will work with a young person to encourage them to reach an agreed set of goals such as improving school attendance, improving relationships at home or with peers.

Bedfordshire Credit Union

[Customer Advisor](#)

Helping with customer queries such as opening accounts, applying for loans and transaction enquiries. If you are seeking work experience in the field of banking or finance, or are retired from a similar role, volunteering with BCU could be very fulfilling.

HopeWorks

[Refugee & Migrant Services Befriender](#)

The Refugee & Migrant Services was developed in 2015 in response to the conflict in Syria and consequent refugee crisis. Since then, the R&MS Team has helped over 80 refugee families integrate into Bedfordshire, providing them with accommodation and holistic, trauma informed support.

Food etc

[Cookery Workshop Facilitator](#)

If you like cooking and would like to help other people make healthy, nutritious, and cheap meals we'd love to hear from you. Food etc is looking for volunteers to volunteer for around 3 hours per week (mainly term time only) with a variety of groups in and around Bedford.

Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner

[Independent Custody Detention Scrutiny Panel Member](#)

The Independent Custody Detention Scrutiny Panel will be given unprecedented access to material retained by the police to review matters of disproportionality objectively and independently, and police/detainee behaviour in the context of legislation, guidance, policy, and procedure.

[Independent Custody Visitor for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire](#)

Independent Custody Visitors are members of the local community who, working in pairs, call at Police Stations unannounced at any time. With agreement, the visitors can speak to detainees about their treatment or conditions, and take up any issues of concern with custody staff.

Sight Concern Bedfordshire

[IT Support](#)

We are looking for someone to join our weekly IT support sessions, to enable visually impaired people to make the most of their devices, e.g. smart phones, tablets and laptops. Good knowledge of accessibility functions on Apple and Android and Microsoft products would be ideal, although training is also available.

Age UK Bedfordshire

[Information and Advice Advisor - Home Visits \(Borough\)](#)

Many people experience difficulty successfully completing forms or gaining access to information or advice. We therefore provide a service to people who cannot attend our offices, where we will visit an older person in their own home. Some visits to customers are made alone and on other occasions a member of staff or a fellow volunteer will accompany you.

Royal National Institute of Blind People

[Lived Experience Speaker](#)

Delivering talks to groups of sighted people about your lived experience of sight loss to challenge their perceptions and behaviours. Audiences will vary but may include local businesses, community, faith and voluntary groups.

[RNIB Community Change Champion](#)

You'll be raising awareness, & improving understanding of sight loss through delivering RNIB's Awareness to Action sessions in your local community. Through these engaging sessions, you'll inspire participants to make small changes to their behaviour that make a massive difference in the day-to-day lives of people with

sight loss.

The Vegan Society

[Community Advocate](#)

Being an Advocate for veganism with The Vegan Society will mean communicating with people in your local community. You'll share the benefits of a vegan lifestyle. You will form part of a local group, headed up by a local Organiser. The Organiser will feed back your collective efforts to staff.

[Community Organiser](#)

Every month, you will be sent a collection of tasks to choose from. We create these from our programme of campaigns. You would be the point of contact for Advocates in your area, sharing these tasks and coordinating activities, such as stalls and lobbying councillors.

Bowel Cancer UK

[Bowel Cancer UK - Volunteers needed](#)

By becoming a volunteer, you'll be helping towards our goal of building a future where nobody dies of bowel cancer. We are looking for volunteers to support on a range of activities from awareness raising, peer support, research, campaigns and fundraising.

East Anglian Air Ambulance

[Speaker Volunteer](#)

We are often asked to attend events and group meetings to present information to people who are interested in the work of East Anglian Air Ambulance. We need volunteers who enjoy speaking in public, are able to communicate clearly and who can inspire and motivate people to become supporters or even volunteers themselves.