



January Newsletter 2012

Training:

Volunteer Induction & VE Awards

Wed 8th February

Health & Safety in the Workplace

Wed 15th February

VE Gold Award

Wed 22nd February

VE Platinum Award

Wed 22nd February

Organising an Event

Wed 29th February

Student Volunteering

Poster Presentation

Wed 21st March

Equal Opportunities & Diversity

Wed 9th May

Assertiveness Skills

Wed 16th May



- Thurs 12th Jan
- Thurs 9th Feb
- Thurs 8th March
- Thurs 12th Apr
- Thurs 10th May
- Thurs 14th June



Thurs 26 Jan

Student Volunteering Week



Mon 20th Feb–
Fri 24th Feb

So since October last year there has been a few changes since last year. Becky has now left the VE Project and I am the new Volunteer Project Leader, my name is Sarah. I have been getting to grips with my job and environment and planning what I would like to do this coming semester and next academic year to make volunteering at Keele more exciting and appealing to students.



So far this year, volunteers have been involved in CVS Make A Difference Day, where students took part in a campus clean up and raised nearly £200 for Children In Need by hosting a 'bring and buy' sale where there was face painting and the very popular soak a sab event.



Exciting news for the VE Project came from the Keele Key Fund in November. There is now money available for students to set up their own volunteer project or event for the local community, so if you have the idea, come to me for the funding and support to turn your idea into action



This semester will also see the implementation of Keele Makes A Difference Day, which will be one off volunteering events either on or off campus so that you can give back to the local community, try new experiences or take part in events that you are passionate about. This is ideal for students who want to volunteer but don't always have the time for a regular commitment, all we ask for is an afternoon a month! Keele Makes A Difference Days will hopefully be student led in the future. Check the website for further details: www.kusu.net/ve

I have been busy building on the links that Becky made in the local community to get more volunteering opportunities for you to take part in. There will be a volunteering fair **26th January** where organisations can tell you about what opportunities they have and how you can help. Further details on this will be published nearer the time see kusu.net/ve



I have also been updating the VE website to make it more interactive and easier to use. You can now look at previous VE events and find volunteering opportunities on the "What's On" section of the site.

