

Why Volunteer?

Volunteering offers a great opportunity for you to develop skills and knowledge, and make a positive difference in the local community. By you getting involved in volunteering, you could help provide valuable services and resources that can really make a difference in peoples lives. Volunteering can also develop and enhance links between Keele University and the local community.

Other benefits are:

- Opens up new opportunities & challenges
- Its an additional learning experience, aside from your degree
- Provides a chance to experience what's ahead in the world of work
- Builds confidence in your own abilities
- For non-UK students it can provide greater awareness of community culture and better conversational skills
- Unveils an exciting network of people, experiences and fun!
- Develops skills that could equip you for life and work, enhancing skills that employers look for, such as leadership, team working, communication and commitment

Volunteer Ambassadors Needed!

VE @ Keele is now seeking a team of Volunteer Ambassadors to help spread the word about VE @ Keele and the benefits of getting involved across the University community. This is an exciting new volunteer role created within VE @ Keele to enhance the service currently provided to students and the community. It is an important role within VE @ Keele and will most likely suit students who are creative, confident, enthusiastic and outgoing.

The role is multi-faceted and includes:

- raising awareness about student volunteering at Keele
- inspiring students to volunteer and complete a VE Award
- encouraging staff to signpost students to VE @ Keele to enhance their Keele experience
- organising events and activities on campus and in the local community
- supporting students to organise events and activities on campus and in the local community
- liaising with VE @ Keele staff
- ensuring that VE @ Keele continues to enhance the student experience and enrich relations with the local community
- distributing literature and information
- encouraging student involvement in volunteering events and activities

Events so far.....



Keele Supports Thailand 2012

Having had the heaviest monsoon rain in over 50 years, the flood levels are causing the rampant spread of diseases and sicknesses, especially those of a water-borne nature. With more than 600 fatalities and 100,000 displaced, the people of Thailand need aid and support urgently. Keele Support Thailand (KST) was an initiative to raise awareness across Keele and to help those in need and has raised £360. The students who were involved organised Thai film nights on campus and also collected money around campus with buckets. To see their Facebook page search for Keele Supports Thailand.

Volunteer Thailand Trip 2012



VE @ Keele work closely with an organisation called VESL to provide a 6-8 week overseas volunteering experience during the summer.

This involves teaching English to children in rural parts of Thailand. Full training will be given for this and no experience is required, just your enthusiasm.

If you are interested in taking part please get in touch with me and I can give you an application form. Places are limited so get in touch asap!

Ethan a student who took part last year, will be going again this year, he has set up a Facebook site where he is happy to answer questions you may have about the whole experience, search for 'Keele Thailand 2012'

If you would like to sign up to VE @ Keele or get further information about any of the articles in this newsletter then please get in touch.

My office is on top floor of the students union, near the sabbaticals offices. Alternatively you can email me volunteering@keele.ac.uk

If you would prefer training to be of an evening or weekend please get in touch and let me know as this can be arranged.

Keep up to date with any news and events by regularly checking the website www.kusu.net/ve