



The
face
of
volunteering

I wanted to give back to what had helped me in the past. I feel valued as a volunteer; knowing that my opinions count and my voice is always heard, is a great feeling.



Freddie Nseula

Customer Service

Audi Dublin International Film Festival

I was unemployed back in 2013 and thought it would be a great opportunity for me to give something back and become more involved in my local community.



Pilar Colomé-Bassols

Adjudicator Concern School Debates
Concern Worldwide



Darren Poole

Music Teacher / Facilitator
Ballymun Regional Youth Resource

I learned a lot about the film industry and discovered I was very interested in photography, and have since started developing my skills in the area.



Michelle O'Brien

Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator
Inner City Helping Homeless

I wanted to use my skills and share experiences, as well as learn new things. I always find it very interesting to hear young people's thoughts on different topics.

Training as a volunteer chaplain has certainly improved my listening skills and shown me the importance of being fully present when I am talking with visitors.

A portrait of Miriam O'Connor, a woman with short, light-colored hair, wearing a dark jacket. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a bookshelf.

Miriam O'Connor

Volunteer Chaplain & Guide
St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin

I have benefited greatly; advancing my medical training and developing management skills.

A portrait of Pádraig Allen, a young man with short hair, wearing a light-colored button-down shirt. The background is a solid light color.

Pádraig Allen

Archivist
St. John Ambulance Ireland

Working alongside the supportive team and dealing with customers has helped me be more open and talkative.

A portrait of Serena Smith, a woman with short dark hair, wearing a light-colored top. The background is a solid light color.

Serena Smith

Charity Shop Assistant
Debra Ireland – Camden Street

I am relatively shy, but volunteering has helped me improve my social and communication skills. It feels good to be respected and valued by others.

A portrait of Kathryn Griffin, a woman with dark hair, smiling. The background is a solid light color.

Kathryn Griffin

Community Services
Ballyroan Community Centre

Moving to a new place can create a sense of isolation, so getting involved and meeting people is a fast-track to feeling part of the new community.



Sari Al Gaidy

Volunteer Coordinator
BlueFire

I have gained experience of planning and executing events, valuable knowledge that I would never get from a book or college!

Jessica Garska

Homework Help Volunteer
New Communities Partnership



Averil Robinson

Charity Shop Assistant
NCBI – Charity Shop Ringsend

Volunteering has helped me get more involved in my new community. I feel I get a lot more back than I give, and it has opened up many new opportunities for me.



Felicity Johnson

Child Literacy Tutor
Barnardos Ireland

Volunteering is the highlight of my week! It is such fun - the children, their teachers, and the other volunteers are so friendly and lively - much banter and laughing goes on!

Volunteering has helped me develop skills in public speaking and fundraising, as well as how to go about organising complex events.

A portrait of an older woman with short, light-colored hair, smiling. She is wearing a white top.

Carrie O'Callaghan

Childcare Worker
St. Vincent De Paul

I am more confident now and perform better at work. Volunteering has helped me to become the person I want to be, by simply giving me a platform.

A portrait of a young woman with dark hair, looking directly at the camera with a slight smile.

Anu Joy

Young Engineer
Engineers Ireland STEPS Programme

Following my stroke and heart attack in 2014 I was forced to retire from work. Volunteering has aided my recovery so much and given me a sense of focus.

A portrait of an older man with white hair and a mustache, smiling. He is wearing a patterned shirt.

Gerard Carmody

Office and Media Support
Irish Heart Foundation

A portrait of an older man with white hair, wearing large headphones and smiling. He is in a radio studio with microphones and equipment visible.

Gerry P Cahill

Director / Programme Presenter
103.2 Dublin City FM

Volunteering helps me keep my mind and body active in retirement! I am also trying something new and developing my skills in broadcasting.



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The Face of Volunteering was a partnership between Dublin City Volunteer Centre and Dublin City Council. The collection of 16 photos illustrates the diversity of people involved in volunteering across Dublin, showing a cross section of age, gender, race and background.