



Join The Experience Bank



Dublin City
Volunteer Centre

Ionad d'Obair Dheonach Cathair Bhaile Átha Cliath

Do you have time and life experience to share with your community?

Meet new people and do something meaningful

Your life experience, commitment and skills are highly valued by charities and community organisations. From befriending and caring roles, practical and DIY projects, driving, teaching, administration, charity shops and many more, there are a variety of volunteering roles to suit your lifestyle and availability.

What is The Experience Bank?

We are building The Experience Bank for volunteers, so that charities and community organisations who are looking for volunteers can connect with you.

Dublin City Volunteer Centre (DCVC) is running The Experience Bank project with support from

the Community Foundation. The project looks to connect people with organisations who value mature volunteers and their skills and life experience.

How does it work?

- We will create a profile for you, showcasing your interests, life experience, skills and preferences.
- Participating organisations can browse The Experience Bank and choose a volunteer they would like to engage with for a specific task or project.
- We will contact you to see if you are happy to be connected with the organisations that chose you.
- DCVC introduces you and the organisation to each other; you will then have a conversation about how the organisation would like to involve you as a volunteer and you can agree specific tasks, time commitment, location of volunteering etc.
- You start volunteering.

What can I expect?

Instead of you searching for a volunteering opportunity that suits your interests and availability, we are storing your life experience and skills in The Experience Bank, so that participating charities and community organisations can come and look through the Bank to be inspired by the available skills and experience. They can contact you via DCVC based on your profile to

explore how you might be able to become a volunteer with them.

This is not a “matching” service but rather the opportunity to put yourself and your story out there. For organisations it is an opportunity to search for volunteers based on individual life experience and skills, rather than asking for volunteers to apply for a specific role.

What do I commit to?

When you join The Experience Bank, you only commit to engaging in the process. That means adding your profile to The Experience Bank and being open to conversations with organisations who are participating in the project.

Your volunteer engagement is based on your individual conversation with an organisation. After you connect with them, you will talk through time commitment, length of engagement, your role, specific tasks, support and the location of volunteering, based on your expectations and the need of the organisation. This means you only commit to a volunteer engagement when you come to a mutual agreement.

What does Dublin City Volunteer Centre commit to?

- Through our Community Ambassador Volunteers, we will support you with teasing out what you are interested in and with creating your profile for The

Experience Bank.

- We will share your information with organisations who have signed up for the project. Your profile will not be publicly available.
- We commit to following GDPR guidelines and keep your data safe.
- We will store your profile on The Experience Bank for an agreed time period.
- We are here for support and advice along the way and will stay in touch with you throughout your journey with The Experience Bank.

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I was a nurse for twenty years. Now I enjoy giving my time to my local community.

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Example of a Volunteer Profile

Name: John

About me: I recently retired and have more spare time now. I have worked in sales for all of my career. I am passionate about GAA and have been volunteering as coach for the Under 15 Football team in my local GAA club for the past 5 years. I have 2 children and I love reading and staying active.

I am looking for: I am looking for a volunteering opportunity to keep me active and involved with people, especially young people or kids. I would be happy to use my professional experience but I am also open to explore other areas. I would prefer a regular engagement.

Life experience:

- Professional experience: Sales
- Coach – under 15 GAA football – ongoing
- Parent/Teachers Committee – 3 years
- Computer skills, project management skills
- Full Commercial driving license

Causes: Any

Locality: Based in Dublin 3; Preference to stay within 20 km of home; open to remote volunteering.

Availability: Mondays – Saturdays: mornings

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