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Teaching Assistant Course: Volunteer Work Directory

This directory has been produced to help you link up with opportunities in your area to get some voluntary work experience ahead of enrolling onto a **Teaching Assistant Course** delivered by one of our college partners.

Increasingly we are finding employers will only recruit candidates from our courses who have either previous experience working in childcare setting/relevant transferrable skills (i.e. care worker etc) **or** are willing to complete some volunteer work *prior* to course enrolment – typically this would be for a minimum of **2 hours per week over 4-6 weeks in a childcare setting such as:**

- School
- Nursery
- Youth Club / Community centres
- Out of hours school clubs
- Community groups
- Community wellbeing activities /social value groups
- Mum / toddler groups etc
- Play groups
- Environmental charities
- Sports clubs
- Brownies/Girl Guides
- Cubs/Scouts

We wish you every success as you pursue your career goals – our team are always on hand to provide further advice and guidance:



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[Volunteer First - Volunteering opportunities throughout Hampshire](#)

[Volunteering opportunities | Hampshire CTSH](#)

Wiltshire

[Activities - Wiltshire Together](#)

[Volunteering - Wiltshire Council](#)

[Volunteering opportunities in Swindon | Swindon Borough Council](#)

[Families and Children's Volunteering - Wiltshire Council](#)

Dorset

[Welcome to Volunteer Centre Dorset](#)

[Dorset - Get Volunteering](#)

Oxfordshire

[Oxfordshire Volunteers promoting and developing volunteering in your area. A TeamKinetic powered website](#)

[Volunteer in Oxford | Oxford City Council](#)

[OXME.INFO | everything for young people in Oxfordshire](#)

Isle of Wight

[Isle of Wight Volunteer Centre - Volunteering opportunities on the Isle of Wight](#)

[Local volunteering opportunities near Cowes, Isle of Wight - Get Volunteering](#)

Berkshire

[VOLUNTEER | Berkshire Youth](#)

[Volunteer Centre West Berkshire – Information and advice about volunteering in West Berkshire](#)

[Volunteer to Help Your Community – West Berkshire Council](#)

[Wokingham Volunteer Centre – Connecting Volunteers with Opportunities in Wokingham](#)

[Volunteering | Bracknell Forest Council](#)

Bedfordshire

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[Become A Volunteer | CHUMS Charity](#)

Hertfordshire

[Browse all of our volunteering opportunities | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

[Volunteer in schools and youth work | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

[Adult Volunteer Youth Support Workers](#)

Buckinghamshire

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[Volunteer Opportunities | Become an Action4Youth Volunteer](#)

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Surrey

[Volunteering – Central Surrey Voluntary Action](#)

[Want to volunteer? – Surrey County Council](#)

[Local volunteering opportunities near Guildford, Surrey – Get Volunteering](#)

[A guide to volunteering – Surrey County Council](#)

West Sussex

[Volunteering – Citizens Advice in West Sussex](#)

[Volunteering – West Sussex County Council](#)

[Volunteering Opportunities Results](#)

East Sussex

[Volunteering | East Sussex County Council](#)

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Kent

[Youth – Kent Volunteers](#)

[Volunteering – Kent County Council](#)

[Volunteer Roles – The Young Lives Foundation](#)

Essex

[Volunteer Essex – Volunteering opportunities throughout Essex](#)

[Volunteer with us!](#)

[Volunteering with Integrated Children, Youth and Family Support Service – Southend-on-Sea City Council](#)

[Latest Volunteering Opportunities – Chelmsford CVS](#)

Suffolk

[Volunteer for Our Charity | Inspire](#)

[Home – Community Action Suffolk](#)

[Volunteering – The Source](#)

Norfolk

[Volunteer in Suffolk | Get InVOLved Norfolk](#)

[Volunteering – Norfolk County Council](#)

[Volunteer Services, Support & Community Work | Voluntary Norfolk](#)

Somerset

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[Home – Young Somerset](#)

[Home | Spark a Change](#)

Gloucestershire

[Volunteering in Gloucestershire | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

[Mentor Link | Volunteering in Gloucestershire – Mentor Link](#)

[Volunteering Opportunities](#)

[Youth Community Group Volunteer | Go Volunteer Glos](#)

Warwickshire

[Library volunteering opportunities: Roles and vacancies – Warwickshire County Council](#)

[Find Opportunities – WCAVA](#)

[Get involved – Creating Opportunities](#)

[Lifespace Trust | Programmes give young people \(7 to 19\) the self-esteem, confidence and resilience to thrive](#)

South Yorkshire

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Lancashire

[Become a volunteer in Lancashire • Lancashire Volunteer Partnership](#)

Cumbria

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Leicestershire and Northamptonshire

[Volunteering | Leicestershire County Council](#)

[Community Action Northants - Volunteering opportunities in Northamptonshire](#)

[Volunteering | Voluntary Impact Northampton](#)

Derbyshire:

Category	Organisation	Volunteering link & notes
School volunteering	Mickleover Primary School (Derby)	(mickleover.derby.sch.uk)
Nursery / early years	Alvaston Infant and Nursery School (Derby)	(Alvaston Infant and Nursery School)
Youth club / community centres	YMCA Derbyshire	(YMCA Derbyshire)
Out of hours / after-school school clubs	Action for Children (Derbyshire)	(afc)
Community groups & wellbeing / social value	Children First Derby	(childrenfirstderby.co.uk)
Mum/toddler / play-groups	– Example: reading support in primary schools	(bookmarkreading.org)
Environmental charities / nature	Derbyshire Wildlife Trust	(derbyshirewt.teamkinetic.co.uk)
Sports clubs / active volunteering	Sustrans – Active Schools Volunteering (Derby)	(volunteer.sustrans.org.uk)
Generic volunteering centre / umbrella	Community Action Derby	(volunteer.communityactionderby.org.uk)
Local authority wide recruitment	Derbyshire County Council – Volunteering page	(derbyshire.gov.uk)

Herefordshire:

Category	Organisation & Link
School	Steiner Academy Hereford – “Volunteering Opportunities” (steineracademyhereford.org.uk)
Nursery / Mum & Toddler / Early Years Support	They recruit volunteers to visit families and offer informal support. (Home-Start Herefordshire)
Youth Club / Community Centre / Out-of-Hours School Clubs / Community Groups	Herefordshire Voluntary Organisations Support Service (HVOSS) – Their volunteering page: registers volunteers, matches you to community roles across the county. (hvoss.org.uk)
Community Wellbeing / Social Value Groups	Growing Point – A charity offering horticultural therapy sessions and they involve volunteers in gardening sessions, weekly. (GROWING POINT)
Play Groups / Mum & Toddler (via nursery/early years settings)	Home-Start (as above) covers early years support; also through HVOSS you may find local play/groups via community volunteering listings.

