

Virtual Volunteering Opportunities

We know it can be a challenge to pass the time throughout isolation, and we also know that lots of students want to be helping the community where they can.



GSU have compiled a list of some fantastic volunteering opportunities, that you can do from the comfort of your own rooms!!

Check out the description next to each role, and if you're interested, follow the link for more information!

And don't forget, GSU has a dedicated 'Volunteering Portal' on our website – for students to record, track and evaluate the hours they spend volunteering. Not only is this really helpful when it comes to writing a CV... but GSU also recognise the students who have volunteered during their time at university, with a bronze-silver-gold award scheme! Another great addition to a CV.

All the info on our Volunteering Portal can be found, here:

<https://www.greenwichsu.co.uk/volunteer/>

If you'd like to look for further volunteering opportunities, I highly recommend taking a look at <https://do-it.org/opportunities/> - a trusted and reliable search engine for volunteer opportunities across the country!

Role Name	Organisation	Description	Weblink
Phone Buddy Volunteer	Age UK	Become an Age UK volunteer and be part of making the UK a better place to grow older. Be there when a lonely older person needs to talk. However much time you give, you'll be making an incredible difference for older people at a time in their lives when they need help the most.	https://www.ageuk.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/become-an-age-uk-digital-buddy/
Amnesty Decoder	Amnesty International	Amnesty Decoders is an innovative platform for volunteers around the world to use their computers or phones to help our researchers sift through pictures, information and documents. Join a global network of digital volunteers helping us research and expose human rights violations.	https://decoders.amnesty.org
Sighted Volunteer	Be My Eyes	Help blind and low-vision people lead more independent lives. Provide visual aid by phone, be in with checking expiry dates, distinguishing colors, reading instructions or navigating new surroundings.	https://www.bemyeyes.com
Transcribing Volunteer	Boston Public Library	Become a volunteer and help turn our collection of handwritten correspondence between anti-slavery activists in the 19th century into texts that can be more easily read	https://www.antislaverymanuscripts.org

		and researched by students, teachers, historians, and big data applications.	
Online Mentor	Brightside	Volunteer as an online mentor, and you can develop mentoring relationships with young people via our online platform to help them make confident and informed decisions about their future.	https://brightside.org.uk/volunteering/
Volunteer	Childline	Childline is part of the NSPCC, a charity that helps prevent child abuse. If you're over 16, you can volunteer as an admin for Childline. Find out how on the NSPCC website .	https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-you-can-do/volunteering-nspcc-childline/volunteer-childline-helpline/
Game Player	Freerice	The United Nations World Food Programme is the world's largest humanitarian organisation, saving lives in emergencies and building a better future for people driven into hunger by conflict and the impact of climate change. As you play Freerice and answer questions right, advertisements appear on your screen. When you see one of these advertisements, you trigger a financial payment to the World Food Programme to support its work saving and changing lives around the world.	https://freerice.com/game
Transcribing Volunteer	Imperial War Museum	This opportunity is ideal for those who are less able to volunteer in person but who wish to make a valuable contribution to IWM from their home or mobile devices. You can help with transcribing, verifying records, stories, film or war diaries.	https://www.iwm.org.uk/volunteer/hours
Phone Buddy Volunteer	Manor Gardens Centre	Our services promote mental and physical health and wellbeing and increase social inclusion. We are looking for volunteers to join our befriending service to offer support, reassurance and friendship over the phone to vulnerable people in Islington who may be in social-isolation and experiencing increased anxiety and loneliness.	https://manorgardenscentre.org
Remote/Community Volunteers	Missing Maps	Missing Maps is an open, collaborative project in which you can help to map areas where humanitarian organisations are trying to meet the needs of vulnerable people. You can become a remote volunteer, and trace satellite imagery into OpenStreetMap.	https://www.missingmaps.org

		Humanitarian organisations then use this mapped information to plan risk reduction and disaster response activities that save lives.	
Royal Navy First World War Lives at Sea Volunteer	National Archives	<p>The project's aims are to identify from service records which officers and ratings served in the First World War, their dates and place of birth, their occupation prior to joining the Royal Navy, names and dates of ships, submarines, shore establishment served in during their service, together with their ranks or ratings, what battles they served in, and cause and date of discharge.</p> <p>We are looking for volunteers to 'work from home' to create this online resource to be hosted by the National Maritime Museum.</p>	https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/get-involved/volunteering/current-opportunities/
Ecclesiastical Census 1851 Transcribing Volunteer	National Archives	<p>We are running a project to index the records of the Ecclesiastical Census of 1851. This survey was run in conjunction with the 1851 census for England and Wales, to gather information on places of worship.</p> <p>Currently, the records are catalogued only by registration district, and this project will make them searchable by place and by religious denomination, which will be of great benefit to family and local historians.</p> <p>If you would like to participate, you can sign in and begin transcribing immediately using this link.</p>	https://fromthepage.com/nationalarchives/ecclesiastical-census-returns
Phone Buddy Volunteer	Octavia Foundation	<p>We support people affected by ill health, social isolation, low income or unemployment in Central and West London.</p> <p>Join our one-to-one phone befriending services as a volunteer to help combat loneliness and bring comfort to many who are feeling alone.</p>	https://www.octaviafoundation.org.uk/volunteer/apply now
Online Mentor	Prince's Trust	<p>Flexible opportunity, where you support a young person online who is looking for work or starting their own business.</p> <p>Talk with your mentees on a weekly basis, offering vital feedback and encouragement.</p>	https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/support-our-work/volunteer/become-an-online-mentor
Research Participant	Project Implicit	<p>Project Implicit is a non-profit organisation and international collaboration between researchers who are interested in implicit social cognition - thoughts and feelings outside of conscious awareness and control.</p> <p>You can assist psychological research on thoughts and feelings.</p>	https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/research/

Volunteer	Samaritans	<p>There are lots of ways you can volunteer for Samaritans. You could become a listening volunteer, helping us to answer calls and messages from people who need some support.</p> <p>Anyone who's over 18, wants to help others, and is tolerant and open-minded can be a Samaritans volunteer.</p>	https://www.samaritans.org/support-us/volunteer/
Granny	The Granny Cloud	<p>Your main role as a Granny is to provide positive encouragement. You are not there to teach or give lessons, but rather to moderate the session, providing praise and support to enable the children to work as a community and take the lead in their learning, helping them to explore and develop their natural curiosity.</p> <p>You will help them question different ideas, access different viewpoints and enable them to think through their ideas.</p>	http://thegrannycloud.org/become-a-granny/
Helpline Hub Volunteer	The Silver Line	<p>The Silver Line operates the only confidential, free helpline for older people across the UK that's open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days of the year.</p> <p>Become a Helpline Hub volunteer, and be part of our 24/7 confidential helpline team, providing information, friendship and advice to older people who may feel isolated and alone.</p>	https://www.the-silverline.org.uk/get-involved/volunteering/
Volunteer	The United Nations Volunteers [UNV]	<p>The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme contributes to peace and development through volunteerism worldwide.</p> <p>It offers various volunteering opportunities, ranging from Arts and Design, to Teaching and Training, Project Management, and much more.</p>	https://www.onlinevolunteering.org/en/opportunities
Translation Volunteer	Translators without Border	<p>You can volunteer with TWB if you are fluent in at least one language other than your native language. Whether you are interested in translating medical texts or translating for crisis response, there are engaging projects available to suit all preferences.</p>	https://translatorswithoutborder.org/volunteer/
Project Volunteer	Zooniverse	<p>Zooniverse is the world's largest and most popular platform for people-powered research. You can volunteer on a project, and classify the data contained in them. There is no minimum time requirement needed; do as much or as little as you'd like.</p> <p>To get started as a classifications volunteer, just to go to the Projects page, have a look through, find one you like the look of, and get stuck in!</p>	https://www.zooniverse.org/projects

Beta Tester	Zooniverse	<p>Zooniverse is the world’s largest and most popular platform for people-powered research. You can help us test projects before they are launched to test whether they work properly. This involves working through classifications on the beta project to check that it works, looking for bugs, and filling out a survey at the end.</p> <p>To sign up as a beta tester, go to www.zooniverse.org/settings/email and tick the box relating to beta testing.</p>	www.zooniverse.org/settings/email
Project Moderator	Zooniverse	<p>Zooniverse is the world’s largest and most popular platform for people-powered research. Volunteer moderators have extra permissions in the Talk discussion tool for a project. They help moderate discussions and act as a point of contact for the project. Moderators are selected by the project owner.</p> <p>If you're interested in becoming a moderator on a project you're taking part in, go to the project's About page and get in touch with the researcher.</p>	https://www.zooniverse.org/get-involved
Conservation Supporter	ZSL’s Instant Wild	<p>Instant Wild brings you live images from cameras around the world.</p> <p>Tag the animals to help conservation research. What rare species will you find? Opportunities range from helping conservationists understand what threats such as logging mean for species living in one of the planet's oldest rainforests, to monitoring of wolf populations in remote wildernesses in Croatia.</p>	https://instantwild.zsl.org/project