

PROJECT CATALOGUE

2022 - 2023

Join Durham University's largest, student-led, community-focused volunteering organisation this academic year.



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Have a flick through our Project Catalogue, check out our social media and come join us!

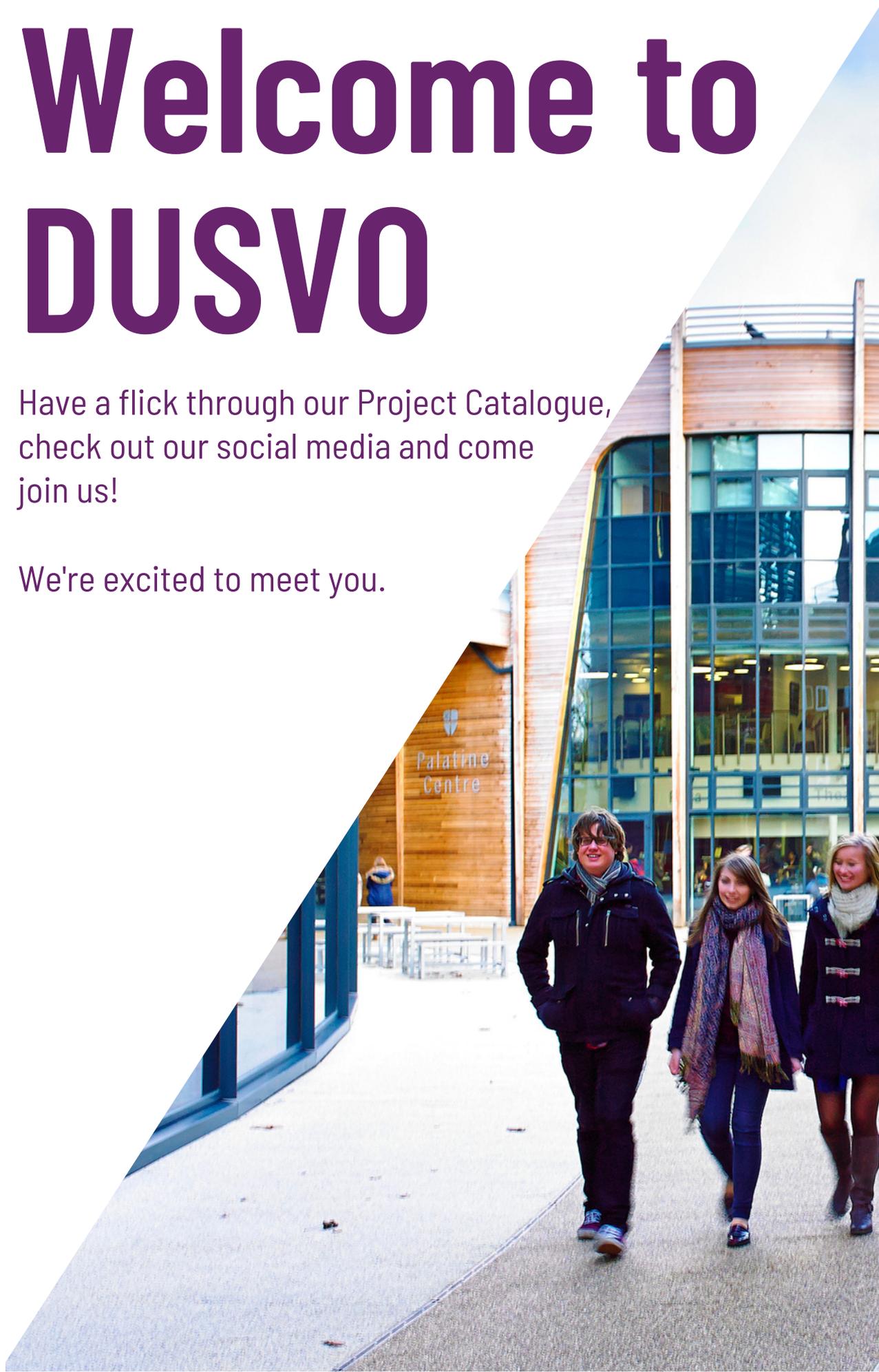
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Welcome to DUSVO

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join us!

We're excited to meet you.



who we are

AN INTRODUCTION TO DUSVO

Welcome (or welcome back) to Durham! The Durham experience provides you with many opportunities to try something new, step out of your comfort zone, pursue your passions, meet new people, develop your skillset or just have fun – and volunteering is no exception.

Durham University Student Volunteering and Outreach (DUSVO) is the home of student-led, community-focused volunteering at Durham University.

Established in 1989, we aim to support the local community, and offer a unique volunteering experience to all Durham students. It's easy to get involved, whether participating in a project as a volunteer, taking on more responsibility as a Project Leader or standing for election to the Exec. We have over 50 projects to choose from as well as a range of one-off opportunities and fundraising events. Our projects have developed based upon the need and requests of the community and the passions and interests of our students.

Overseen by a student executive committee working alongside permanent staff and based in the Palatine Centre, DUSVO has long been at the centre of the Durham student experience.

We are also recognised by Investing in Volunteers (iIV) – the UK quality standard for good practice in volunteer management, as well as the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

We always round off each year of successful volunteering with our annual Durham University Volunteer Awards, free for all volunteers to attend, to recognise the positive impact you have made on the local community. The Durham University Student Volunteers Certification Scheme also recognises the invaluable contribution our students make to the local community through volunteering. The certification scheme recognises 3 different levels of volunteering, based on the total number of accumulated hours a student has volunteered during their time at Durham University: Bronze, Silver, Gold and Hall of Fame.

Being a part of DUSVO can be as much of your Durham experience as you want it to be – whether volunteering is your thing, or just something you'd like to dip into every now and again.

Read on to find out more about us and take a dive into the wide range of projects we have to offer.

STUDENT EXECUTIVE

Introducing our Executive Committee for the year ...

Being on the Executive Committee is about influencing the future of DUSVO. The Exec are responsible for supporting projects, raising the profile of DUSVO and developing volunteering opportunities for students through working with community partners and organisations. While each position has a separate list of responsibilities, the Exec works together to achieve many of its goals.

Izzy Dungworth (President)

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The President is responsible for the organisation of the Executive Committee - chairing weekly Exec meetings, and meeting with individual Exec members regularly to discuss their achievements. As DUSVO is a student-led organisation, it is important that the President (with the backing of the Exec) is at the forefront of all major decision within student volunteering. The President coordinates DUSVO's direction at a high level, relating the organisation's vision and actions to the student body, local community and University management.



*Izzy Dungworth,
President*



Chevonne Wang (Vice President)
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The Vice President is responsible for DUSVO's publicity, advertising or branding both towards internal and external parties. The Vice President is a close collaborator and assistant of the President's functions – if either is unavailable, one will fill in for the other.

Chevonne Wang Vice - President

Cassie Lin (Marketing and Promotions)
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iCassie is responsible for all things publicity, helping run the DUSVO social media accounts and promote volunteering events and opportunities in an engaging and attractive way, both through creating her own designs and promoting those of our trusted community partners.



Cassie Lin - Marketing and Promotions

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'Volunteering helped me explore Durham as a community better in my first year and soon became a highlight in my University experience. I started volunteering with the 1-2-1 tutoring project and it's been a fantastic journey at DUSVO ever since!'

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*Neha Vasist,
21/22 President*

EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Saujanya Vinayy (Fundraising Officer)
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The Fundraising Officer is responsible for organising smaller events and fundraising events on and around Durham campus. Saujanya will be responsible for co-leading the Events & Fundraising Committee to help increase DUSVO's publicity exposure and raise money for DUSVO's projects whilst also seeking sponsorship from local businesses.



Saujanya Vinayy - Fundraising Officer



Anna McCormack (Events Officer)
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The Events Officer works with the fundraising Officer to organise and help out with volunteering and fundraising events on and around Durham throughout the academic year. These include fundraisers, socials and 'one-off' volunteering events, as well as coming up with new events and working on them with the rest of the exec.



Anna McCormack - Events Officer

PROJECT CHAIRS

Louise Liu (Cultural Chair)

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The Cultural Chair is a new post this year. Like other Project Chairs, Louise is responsible for overseeing the projects that fall under this respective heading and ensuring that they are all running smoothly. All Project Chairs act as the channel of communication between the Project Leaders and Exec.



Louise Liu - Cultural Chair



Lydia Kitchen - Education Chair

Lydia Kitchen (Education Chair)

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Lydia is responsible for overseeing DUSVO's longstanding educational projects, so get in touch with her for any information on tutoring, teaching or volunteering in schools.

Vidya Nair (Social Inclusion Chair)

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Vidya oversees DUSVO's projects which support social inclusion and community wellbeing. For exciting opportunities to help people feel part of the local community, contact her!



Vidya Nair - Social Inclusion Chair



Lottie Gravelson - Environmental Chair

Lottie Gravelson (Environmental Chair)

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Lottie is responsible for expanding volunteering opportunities focusing on the environment and conservation in the local area. Feel free to approach her about anything environmental-related.

FULL TIME STAFF

Award-Winning Volunteering

The DUSVO Staff Team supports the Student Executive Committee in making volunteering the best it can be at Durham. We are a friendly and approachable team and are here to support you throughout your volunteer journey.

We are based in PC012, Palatine Centre, DH1 3LE, from Monday to Friday 09:00–17:00. Our office email is student.volunteering@durham.ac.uk.

We are extremely proud to have held the Investing in Volunteers quality standard from the National Council for Voluntary Organisations since 2012, the gold standard for organisations who work with volunteers.



The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service

Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

In 2020, DUSVO was also honoured with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award in the UK for community volunteering.

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COLLEGE VOLUNTEERING



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DUSVO PROJECTS

DUSVO oversees more than 50 student led volunteering projects and has been the leading student volunteering organisation since 1989. Our projects are divided into four project streams:



Educational



Social Inclusion



Environmental



Cultural

Within these, there are projects to suit all interests and personal needs: from dog-walking, to helping older people, to tutoring local school children.

EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

1-1 Tutoring

1-2-1 tutoring is a volunteering project which pairs university students with a local GCSE/ A level student to tutor for one hour a week in a subject of their choice. The project hopes to increase student's grade attainments, boost confidence and improve educational development.
tutoring.dusvo@durham.ac.uk

Code Club

Volunteers help to run an after-school club in local primary schools to introduce children to digital skills and develop their interests. Prior coding experience is not required of volunteers as training is available.
codeclub.dusvo@durham.ac.uk

Creche

Based in Durham city, crèche volunteers support staff at a local nursery in the care-taking of 0-5 year old children, helping to carry out activities and games.
creche.dusvo@durham.ac.uk

Tutor For Ukraine

Volunteers for this project help tutor Ukrainian students in basic English for 1 hour sessions over ten weeks, following lesson plans created by the project leader.
tutorforukraine@gmail.com



SOCIAL INCLUSION PROJECTS



Beyond Boundaries

This project visits Fowl Green Farm to socialise and interact with people with mental disabilities and learning difficulties, with the aim of improving their confidence, social skills, and reducing the workload of the amazing staff at the centre.

Email: beyondboundaries.dusvo@durham.ac.uk

This project allows university students to volunteer with a range of sport/exercise classes for disadvantaged adults in the community. The project currently works with service users from Waddington Centre, a mental health support centre. The project is also looking to expand the scope of its activities.

Email: community.wellness@durham.ac.uk

Community Wellness

Durham Minds

Durham Minds provides inclusive support to individuals with mental health issues through practical, fun activities including art therapy. Local partners include Waddington Street Centre, RT Projects and St. Margaret's Centre.

Email: durham.minds@durham.ac.uk

2-3 volunteers are paired up with an elderly resident for weekly companionship in-person or over the phone, with the aim of alleviating loneliness and isolation.

Email: generations.dusvo@durham.ac.uk

Generations Together

Girls Friendly Society

The volunteers will be helping to run weekly group activities for girls. They will be involved in planning, creating, setting up and running activities and planning termly programmes.

Email: girlsfriendly.society@durham.ac.uk

Once a Month is a student-led volunteer project that aims to fight against period poverty in the local North-East area. It is affiliated with the project branch at the University of Manchester.

Email: onceamonth.dusvo@durham.ac.uk

Once a Month

Otters Swim Club

Volunteers take part in swimming sessions with young people and adults with physical and learning disabilities in order to ensure that participants have fun and enjoy their time in the pool in a safe environment.

Email: otter.club@durham.ac.uk

A branch of the nation Under One Sky Charity, volunteers walk round Durham city handing out clothes, hot drinks, food to people on the streets.

Email: underonesky.dusvo@durham.ac.uk

Under One Sky

CATSS (Children Achieving Through Student Support) Primary and Secondary

CATSS works with Primary and Secondary age children from hard to reach backgrounds in the North East to provide them with new opportunities and chances to make friends through the running of daytrips and residential.

This project is one of our biggest DUSVO projects, so operates a little differently in its running and recruitment of volunteers.

To volunteer with this project, you need to apply via an application form that will be shared with interested freshers, and also shared on CATSS's social media in the first few weeks of first term. Applicants will then undergo an interview with the Project leaders before being selected for the primary or secondary project

Once selected, this project does not often take on volunteers throughout the year.

CATSS Primary: catss.primary@durham.ac.uk

CATSS Secondary: catss.secondary@durham.ac.uk

CULTURAL PROJECTS

Durham for Refugees Kids Club

Working with City of Sanctuary, this project is a weekly youth club run for refugee children and local children to play, make friends and integrate into their new local community.

Email: dfr.kidsclub@durham.ac.uk

Durham Global Schools

International students go into schools to teach primary and secondary students about countries outside of their borders, promoting mutual respect and acceptance of different cultures and faiths.

Email: scholar.dusvo@durham.ac.uk

Cathedral Project

The Cathedral Project welcome you to join the 700+ volunteers that are crucial to the daily rhythm of the Cathedral, whether they're welcoming our visitors or working behind the scenes.

Email: cathedral.project@durham.ac.uk

Diversify Project

The Diversify Project is a new project for the 22-23 year, where student go into a local secondary schools to deliver sessions/discussion on EDI topics. Topics include but aren't limited too race, religion, gender, sexuality and disability.

Email: diversify.project@durham.ac.uk



ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS



Gardening Project

A project to bring volunteers to community gardens in Durham and work with locals to make Durham greener and prettier.

gardening.dusvo@durham.ac.uk

Hedgehog Friendly Durham aims to achieve the British Hedgehog Preservation Society 'Hedgehog Friendly University' accreditation, beginning with Bronze, Silver to Gold.

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Hedgehog Friendly Durham

Beyond Food

Volunteers work alongside the Trussell Trust's Durham food bank to provide food parcels for disadvantaged families in County Durham.

beyondfood.dusvo@durham.ac.uk

Volunteers will conduct informative workshops with primary school students to help educate the next generation about the environmental issues facing our planet today.

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The Environment Club



MEET ALL OUR PROJECT LEADERS

Generations Together

Maddison Hall
Felice Leung
Audrey Lee

1-1 Tutoring

Ollie Cambell-Lendrum
Ana Gibson
Mihir Shah

Otters Swim Club

Ezme Till

DFR Kids Club

Ross Plowman
Jasmin Moore

Under One Sky

Ross Plowman
Leo Greffier

Cathedral Project

Jono Lethaby

Beyond Boundaries

Eleanor Wallace
Cecelia Barnes-Gosling

Once a Month

Millie Jarvis-Scott

Creche

Eunice Wu

Beyond Food

Xueer Xiao

Code Club

Jose Stewart

Environment Club

Connie Doxat

Tutor for Ukraine

Alexandra Hart

Durham Minds

Olivia Gaynard
Faith McEleny

Hedgehog Friendly

Rebecca Kennedy

Gardening Project

Lottie Gravelson

Community Wellness

Isabella Molnar
Devi Veselichka

Durham Global Schools

Zhihan Liu

Girls Friendly Society

Billie Shearman
Emma Sullivan

DURHAM INSPIRED AWARD



The Durham Inspired Award is optional and available to any full time or part time undergraduate student with two years left on their degree programme.

You can undertake the Award through your College, the Students' Union or Experience Durham – or a combination of all three!

The Award has 3 zones:



THINK



ACT



GROW

Any volunteering you do whilst here at Durham can count towards completing the **ACT** zone.

Please visit the Durham Inspired website (www.dur.ac.uk/inspired-award) for more details, or get in touch via email.



durham.inspired@durham.ac.uk



[@duinspiredaward](https://www.instagram.com/duinspiredaward)



COMMUNITY SPORT ACTIVATORS

Volunteers are fundamental to the successful running of all sports. Here at Durham we want to reward volunteers for going out into the community to coach or volunteer within sport in many capacities. The Community Sport Activators (CSA) pathway enables you to do that, as well as continue your professional development, gain access to CPD courses and work alongside some of the best coaching staff DU has to offer.

If you are interested, sign up on the platform and search Team Durham Volunteering to find opportunities or to get in touch!

If you are interested in Volunteer Zambia (P23) you must be registered as a CSA to be considered for the role.

Start

- Sign Up
- Search & join the activator programme
- Complete the induction



Achieve

- Select and join a volunteer opportunity
- Complete DBS
- Volunteer for 30 hours
- Attend 2+ workshops
- Record your hours

Reward

- Certificate
- T-Shirt
- Can apply for: *Volunteer Zambia, TD coaching positions, Sports placements positions, a coaching bursary, to be a project leader*



teamdurham.community@durham.ac.uk

Team Durham are part of a partnership group with 6 other UK universities (Edinburgh, Stirling, Cardiff, Loughborough, Northumbria, St Andrews) delivering Volunteer Zambia.

Every year, a number of Durham University students fundraise and travel to Zambia for six weeks over the summer to deliver sport and performing arts activities in Livingston and Lusaka.

To do this we work with Zambian government, sports federations, charity organisations and most importantly Zambian volunteer coaches.

We are guided by our Zambian colleagues on how we can support and help them to grow. It is a mutually beneficial relationship as the experience our students gain from their involvement is often life changing.

Students and young Zambians work side-by-side, creating opportunities to develop new and existing skills, exchange knowledge and undertake new experiences beyond those that university alone can provide.

This opportunity is provided in partnership with **Sport in Action**.

For more information, please contact Katie Binks: katie.binks@durham.ac.uk



THE BEST THING ABOUT DUSVO IS THAT IT IS
STUDENT-LED SO WE'RE ALWAYS WELCOME TO NEW
PROJECTS.



HAVE AN IDEA FOR A PROJECT?

IF YOU DON'T SEE A PROJECT THAT YOU'RE
INTERESTED IN; YOU CAN SET UP YOUR OWN!

EMAIL STUDENT.VOLUNTEERING@DURHAM.AC.UK
TO FIND OUT MORE!

SOCIAL MEDIA



PROJECT

FACEBOOK

INSTAGRAM

1-2-1 Tutoring	@1-2-1 tutoring	@tutoring.dusvo
Beyond Boundaries	@Beyond Boundaries	@beyondboundaries_dusvo
Beyond Food	@Beyond Food DUSVO	@beyondfood.dusvo
Cathedral Project		
CATSS (Primary & Secondary)	@ Catss primary/Catss secondary	@catss_durhamuniversity
Code Club	@Durham Code Club	
Community Wellness		@community.wellness
Creche		@creche.dusvo
Durham for Refugees Kids Club		@dfr.kidsclub
Durham Global Schools		@durham_global_schools
Durham Minds	@Durham minds	@durham_minds_dusvo
Environment Club	@Envrionment Club	@durham_envrionment_club
Gardening Project	@Dusvo Gardening Project	@gardening.dusvo
Generations Together		@generations.dusvo
Girls Friendly Society		@gfs.durham
Hedgehog Friendly Durham	@Hog friendly	@hog.friendly.dur
Once a Month	@ Durham Once a Month	@du_oam
Otters Swim Club		
Tutor for Ukraine		
Under One Sky	@ Under One Sky Durham	@uosdurham

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Keen to Start Volunteering?

NEXT STEPS

Volunteer Induction Process

Step 1: Volunteer Sign up

Register on our volunteer platform [here](#) – link to your project

Step 2: Online volunteer induction

Complete the online induction process [HERE](#)

Does your project involve accessing or processing personal data?

Yes

Students complete an online data protection training course [here](#).
Students send a print screen to student.volunteering@durham.ac.uk

No

Does your project involve working with children?

Yes

All volunteers attend online safeguarding course [here](#)
Volunteer sends screen grab of completed course to student.volunteering@durham.ac.uk
Students will be sent a link to do an online DBS check and be contacted to arrange viewing of supporting documents.

No

Does your project involve working with [Adults at Risk](#)?

Yes

Please contact student.volunteering@durham.ac.uk to arrange training

No

Happy Volunteering

Please ensure you send student.volunteering@durham.ac.uk a list of ALL volunteers on your project that require a DBS!

Student profiles will be updated upon clearance of DBS





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