Warwick Volunteers Annual Survey Report
2018-2019

Members who have not volunteered this academic year

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INTRODUCTION

113 respondents completed the questionnaire for Warwick Volunteers members who have not volunteered this academic year. This compares to 42 last year, an increase of 169%.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Are you...

Are you

- Home / EU: 70%
- International: 22%
- Prefer not to say: 8%

Are you currently

- 1st Year UG: 32%
- 2nd Year UG: 18%
- 3rd Year UG (on a 4 year programme): 9%
- Final Year UG: 6%
- PGT: 6%
- All Others: 2%

Faculty

- Social Sciences: 36%
- Science: 31%
- Arts: 18%
- Cross Faculty Centres: 7%
- Prefer not to say: 6%
- Medicine: 2%
INITIAL MOTIVATIONS

Did the following motivate you to investigate volunteering?

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

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Reason/s for not getting involved with Warwick Volunteers activities this year

- Too busy due to study: 62
- Free time taken up by other extra curricular activities: 37
- Project I was interested in didn’t match my academic timetable: 26
- Too late to sign up to the project that interested me: 17
- Other: 13
- Too much admin (DBS checks, meetings, training etc): 11
- No suitable projects: 9
- Difficulty obtaining a DBS: 6
- Lost interest: 4
- I volunteered directly with using the WV office: 2
- Difficulty obtaining a Certificate of Good Conduct: 2

Other reasons given: 2 students mentioned not having any friends they knew who volunteered and worried about volunteers already knowing one another and coming alone. 3 students said they didn’t receive a reply having expressed an interest in a project and 2 students were studying abroad.
Is there anything we could have done to have supported you in volunteering this year? What action could we take next year to make volunteering with Warwick Volunteers more attractive?

Free text field sorted into the following categories:

- **No change needed**: 11
- **Different time slots for volunteering to fit around different schedules**: 8
- **More varied opportunities**: 8
- **More promotion of opportunities**: 7
- **Better Communication**: 5
- **Send DBS check reminders earlier**: 2
- **More one off volunteering**: 2
- **More comprehensive training**: 2
- **More support to help students volunteer externally**: 1
- **Tailor volunteering to individual volunteers**: 1
- **More help obtaining Cert of Good Conduct**: 1
- **Info about how to manage time and volunteer**: 1
- **More guided support**: 1
- **Make it easier to see new opportunities**: 1
VOLUNTEERING NEXT YEAR

Do you plan to continue volunteering with WV next year?

- Yes: 26%
- No: 6%
- I am not at Warwick next year: 69%

What type of volunteering opportunity/ies would be most attractive to you?

- One off activities with no regular commitment required: 73%
- Young people / school activities: 50%
- Conservation / environmental activities: 45%
- Regular weekly activities: 28%
- Justice and Human Rights activities: 25%
- Culture Activities: 23%
- Adult support services: 16%
- Other: 3%

Other opportunities mentioned included Dogs Trust, Events volunteering, Disadvantaged people, particularly females.
Conclusion and summary

The reasons why students haven’t got involved is very similar to previous years, with the top reasons being their study commitments and free time being taken up with extra curricula activities.

One off activities continue to be the most attractive type of opportunity on offer although comments made suggested that a wider range of time slots/days to fit around different schedules would make them more attractive to potential volunteers.

Conservation / environmental activities have increased in popularity. 40% of those who completed the survey would find this type of opportunity attractive compared to 21% last year. Conversely interest in cultural activities has dropped from 38% to 20% this year.