

Volunteering Schemes: FAQ

What volunteer schemes are there?

Youth Ambassadors – Allowing young people to have a voice on police and crime matters in the Dyfed-Powys area.

Victim-Survivor Engagement Network – Ensuring victims of crime are properly supported throughout the criminal justice procedures.

Quality Assurance Panel – Ensuring transparency in police processes and dealings with the public.

Independent Custody Visitors – Guaranteeing detainees are being treated fairly and having their rights met in custody.

Animal Welfare Visitors – ensuring proper care for police dogs.

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Will I be volunteering for Dyfed-Powys Police or the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner?

You will be volunteering on behalf of the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner. You will also work heavily alongside Dyfed-Powys Police.

How do I apply for a volunteer scheme?

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Victim-Survivor
Engagement
Network:



Quality Assurance Panel:



Independent
Custody
Visitors:



Animal Welfare Visitors:



Eligibility

All volunteers must:

- Be 18+
- Live in the Dyfed-Powys Police area
- Complete vetting (may take up to 3 months)
- Willing to travel to/from place of volunteering

Youth Ambassadors must be aged between 14-25

Will I be paid?

As this is a volunteering position, you will not be paid. You will be reimbursed for travel expenses at 45p per mile.

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How often do I have to volunteer?

Youth Ambassadors – As and when needed e.g. events/meetings.

Victim-Survivor Engagement Network – As and when needed.

Quality Assurance Panel – Bi-Monthly Meetings

Independent Custody Visitors – Rota, therefore hours are subject to change Animal Welfare Visitors – 1 visit per assigned handler every 6 months as a minimum

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Is volunteering flexible?

Yes, volunteering is flexible but you will be required to inform the OPCC beforehand if you cannot attend.

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Will I need to have training beforehand?

Yes, training is provided before volunteering starts. You will be required to attend. Training is also provided throughout your time volunteering, if needed.

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Can I volunteer if I need reasonable adjustments to be made? Yes, all volunteer schemes can be participated in even if reasonable adjustments are needed. You will be required to inform the office of any adjustments beforehand.

Are there any benefits to volunteering on these schemes?

All volunteers will earn Tempo Time credits - this allows volunteers to spend credits on certain activities, products or services as a reward for their volunteering.

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Volunteering is also a great way to meet new people who are like-minded. You are contributing to making a difference to police staff, police animals, and the general public.

If you have a particular interest in the criminal justice system, volunteering alongside the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys Police will allow you to gain valuable insight to the system.

Volunteers play such an important role in building trust and transparency in policing. Your hard work is valued and recognised every day, I thank every single volunteer for every hour they give.

