

Prepare for the Volunteer Fair

Open Conversation Starters

It can be daunting to be part of a networking event or careers fair, especially starting up a conversation, so here are a few ideas to get you started.

Introduce yourself: What are you studying, what you enjoy doing, why you're interested in hearing more about the charity.

Ask about the charity: The aims of the charity. What opportunities are available? It might be you have a specific role in mind. E.g. Do you have any finance opportunities.? Tell me about the day-to-day activities. What impact will your role have? What is the time commitment?

Skills and attributes needed: What key skills are they looking for? What makes a volunteer stand out?

Experience: What sort of experience do you like volunteers to have? What skills and experience can you gain?

Training and development:

Is training provided?
Are there any development opportunities?

How to apply, recruitment process:

Find out about the recruitment process and timeline. Where can I find out more information?

Their experiences: What is it like to work for that organisation, and why did they choose this charity/role?

Remember

These charities have travelled to campus to speak to you. Take this opportunity to show your interest and convey a positive attitude.

By being courteous and friendly from the get-go; relaying your enthusiasm and being yourself throughout, you'll convey professionalism, positivity and confidence.