

Try it Believe it Do it!

Become a WEA volunteer today and help to transform lives, communities and society through adult education.



Welcome to the WEA

We believe all adults should have access to the opportunities of education, right on their doorstep. Our 3,000+ active volunteers are critical in helping us to make this happen. By becoming a WEA volunteer, you will be joining local teams working to share lifelong learning with their communities. Together, these teams are a vital part of a national network of WEA activists, building a better and fairer society for all through adult learning.

Volunteering roles are developed to match your skills, interests and personal development goals. Here is a snapshot of some of the roles carried out by current volunteers:

As a WEA volunteer you can ...

- ▶ Develop your own skills and interests
- ▶ Meet new people in your community
- ▶ Take action to improve lives through adult learning



When I first started volunteering in a WEA office, I was very nervous and unsure of myself. I lacked confidence – I couldn't even answer the phone. I've come a long way since then. It's great to engage in work that's satisfying and work with people to improve my communication skills. I've helped the WEA and the WEA has helped me and together we've achieved a great deal.

Kamran
Volunteer, Slough



I was passionate about the WEA as a student and I was then voted in to be our Branch Secretary! I enjoy putting on good quality courses and get a lot of satisfaction from giving something back and helping others. We provide courses to a wide range of students – in terms of age, wealth and education – with no pressure and no requirement to do exams, but just the pure joy of learning!

Linda

Volunteer, Grimsby



Leadership and governance roles

Branch member – planning and organising WEA courses in your local community as part of a volunteer-led team.

Council member – having your say about how the WEA should be run regionally and nationally.

Field-based roles

Classroom assistant – engaging and encouraging students to learn, working alongside a course tutor.

Operations support – developing your skills by supporting our local staff teams to deliver WEA courses.



As an active student I joined the Southern Regional Committee and am now chair. I'm keen that all WEA students understand every aspect of the organisation's work and become champions of adult education, not only students in a class.

Anne
Southern regional
committee chair

Join us today!

I want to become a WEA volunteer

Please complete and send this form to the postal address below, your local WEA contact or to volunteering@wea.org.uk.

If you do take up a volunteer role, you will be eligible for free WEA membership.

Name:

Address:

Post code:

Phone:

Date of birth:

Email:

There are a number of ways volunteers can get involved with the WEA including:

- ▶ Classroom support
- ▶ Office administration
- ▶ Mentoring
- ▶ Publicity and recruitment
- ▶ Branch and project planning
- ▶ Treasurer
- ▶ More details are in the volunteering handbook

Type of volunteer role you are interested in:

What do you hope to gain from a volunteer role with the WEA?

DATA PROTECTION Details you have provided will be entered onto our database, which is registered under the Data Protection Act. By submitting this application form, you are also agreeing for the WEA to contact you to discuss volunteering opportunities.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I agree to you contacting me by post | <input type="checkbox"/> I do not agree to you contacting me by post |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I agree to you contacting me by phone | <input type="checkbox"/> I do not agree to you contacting me by phone |

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Disclosure - As a volunteer for the WEA you may be required to complete a DBS Disclosure Statement. This may be a condition of your appointment in some circumstances.

By signing this application form below you are confirming that all details contained within the application are correct.

Signed:

Date:

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