

## #richmondgive

# 12 Ways for Your Company to Give This Christmas

**1. Organise a fundraising event:** Hold a fundraising event within your organisation and donate the proceeds to a local charity of your choice - cake sales, fancy dress days, sweepstakes on Christmas Number 1 predictions or funny games at the office party, the choice is yours. If you need help identifying a local charity, why not have a look at [Richmond CVS's searchable directory](#) or on [Local Giving](#) a directory of over 2,000 local charities. Still not sure who to support? Just our call our team; they have fantastic knowledge of the local sector and are happy to advise you - 020 8843 7945.

**2. Share your resources:** Do you have a meeting room, hall or other facility that could be useful to a local voluntary sector organisation? Could you give this as a gift in kind? Local organisations need venues for all sorts of events and meetings from fundraising, to supporting their beneficiaries, to training volunteers. Let [Richmond CVS](#) know of the space you have available and we can add you to our directory of local venues.

**3. Allow your staff time off to volunteer:** As employers you can encourage your staff to give their time by offering paid volunteering leave. This is an additional benefit that can increase job satisfaction and facilitate continued personal development. Richmond CVS have a directory of local volunteering opportunities and anyone interested in volunteering can [register online here](#).

**4. Support the Richmond Care Leavers Christmas Day Dinner-** In 2017 local nurse Sian Thomas, inspired by Care Leavers Christmas Day Dinners set up in other areas, led a group of volunteers from across the community and local businesses to create a magical Christmas Day for 50 care leavers in Richmond. It was a great success and you can support the 2018 event. There are lots of ways to get involved, including gift wrapping, helping to decorate the venue, purchasing a gift from the Amazon wish list and clearing up after the event. Find out more and see a video from last year's celebration: [www.christmasdayrichmond.com](http://www.christmasdayrichmond.com) The Facebook page at [The Christmas Day Dinner Richmond upon Thames](#) is best for up to date information and requests. Or email you can email: [christmasdayrichmond@gmail.com](mailto:christmasdayrichmond@gmail.com)

**5. Make a collective donation:** As a team you could gather gifts to donate to local children in care, create reverse Advent calendar where you all donate food items and then take these to [your local food bank](#) or fill a virtual [Refuge Festive Parcel](#) - virtual gifts that support women and children affected by domestic violence.

**6. Don't send Christmas cards:** send an electronic message instead and donate what you would have spent on the cards and postage to a local good cause of your choice.

**7. Offer Payroll Giving:** Payroll Giving allows employees to donate to good causes directly from their salary with the benefit that they don't pay tax on their donation. There are a number of organisations that can help you set up such a facility and the good news is it's free. [Find out more about payroll giving.](#)

**8. Give a discount:** if you offer a professional service, maybe you could have charity rate, eg. an accounts firm giving a discount on independent examinations.

**9. Do something good together:** attend a charity event or carol concert as a team.

**10. Become a trustee:** Your team's professional and personal skills could offer governance and leadership to local charities. As a trustee, you can enhance and develop organisations whose cause matters to you. Have a look for local opportunities on the RCVS volunteer database on the [Richmond CVS website](#).

**11. Choose a charity of the year:** Identify a local charity to support through 2019. Use the [Richmond CVS directory](#) to help identify the one that's right for you.

**12. Generate a donation through purchasing and recycling:** [Recycle 4 Charity](#) offers a free service to recycle ink cartridges and mobile phones with the profits donated to voluntary groups. [The Giving Machine](#) allows you to link supplies purchasing to cash back sites that donate a percentage of your purchase directly to charities of your choice.