

10 Ways for Your Company to Help Out in the Community

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 our [Organisation Directory](#) or on [Local Giving](#), a directory of over 2,000 local charities. Still not sure who to support? Just call our team - they have fantastic knowledge of the local sector and are happy to advise you - 020 8843 7940.

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 including fundraising, supporting their beneficiaries, and training volunteers. Let Richmond CVS know of any space you have available and we can add you to our Local Venue Directory. Email [Richmond CVS](mailto:volunteer@richmondcv.org.uk) on volunteer@richmondcv.org.uk.

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 has a database of local volunteering opportunities, including leadership and operational roles, and anyone interested in volunteering can [register online here](#). Or, if you'd like to organise some employer supported volunteering next year, you might find some helpful information in our [Employer Supported Volunteering factsheet](#).

4. Make a collective donation: As a team, you could donate and deliver items to [your local food bank](#).

5. 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](#).

6. Give a discount: If you offer a professional service, maybe you could have a charity rate, e.g. an accounts firm giving a discount on independent examinations.

7. Do something good together: Support one of the Mayor's local charity events. [Find out more here.](#)

8. 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 Richmond CVS Volunteering database under [Trustee roles](#).

9. Choose a charity of the year: Identify a local charity to support for the calendar or financial year. Use the [Richmond CVS Organisation Directory](#) to help identify the one that's right for you.

10. Generate a donation through purchasing and recycling: [Recycle 4 Charity](#) offers a free service to recycle ink cartridges with the profits donated to voluntary groups. [The Giving Machine](#) allows you to link your supplies purchases to cashback sites which donate a percentage of your purchase price directly to charities of your choice.

November 2024