Manchester Adult Education



Level 2 award in Volunteering

This qualification is a short introduction for anyone considering working in the voluntary sector. It is also suitable for anyone already working in a voluntary organisation who wishes to formalise and further develop their existing experience and skills.

Volunteering supports the development of key skills, knowledge and experience for future employment. Volunteering will support you if you are looking for a career change.

• Unit 1: Volunteering and voluntary organisations

Learners will investigate the types of organisation in which people can volunteer and the purpose and functions of those organisations. The learner will also look at the rules and requirements relating to being a volunteer.

• Unit 2: Working as a volunteer within a chosen organisation

Learners will look at their role and the restrictions in their work as a volunteer. They will also look at the skills required to work as a volunteer and how to improve those skills. They will then go on to explore the importance of team work.

• Unit 3: Finding out about volunteering and becoming a volunteer

This unit aims to help learners to prepare for work in a voluntary capacity focusing on one organisation in particular. The unit then looks at how effective volunteers are in that organisation.

Course Model

Start: January 2025 End: March 2025

12 weeks depending 1 session a week 2.5 hours per session (face to face)

Entry requirements

- Have good Digital Skills (to be able to complete assessments for your portfolio)
- You should be able to demonstrate Level 2 English skills (speaking, reading, and writing)
- You should have access to a computer and/or laptop and the internet. You can apply to our Chromebook loan system if you do not have a suitable device
- An interest in the subject area for your professional development/career transfer

How long is the qualification?

The qualification is 24 guided learning hours and the class time is 30 hours. You can complete this qualification in 12 weeks attending class once a week for 2.5 hours.

How is the qualification assessed?

A **portfolio** of evidence meeting the assessment criteria for the qualification.

What can you do after this course?

Progress into a **volunteer role** where you can apply your skills and knowledge Progress to **employment** where you can apply your skills, knowledge and experience