

Raising Aspirations



Corporate Volunteering
September 2025 - November 2025



Our Raising Aspirations projects currently work in schools and colleges across Greater Manchester to enable young people from primary school up to college (age 9-19) to think more about their aims and goals for the future and to learn new skills. The majority of our projects are lead or facilitated by volunteers from the world of work, education sectors or training providers.

The projects that we are currently recruiting volunteers for are:

- Transition Days
- World of Work
- Mock Interviews
- MFL Day
- Careers Convention
- Workplace Visits
- Raising Aspirations Mentoring
- Personal Finance Day
- Meet the Business
- Interview Ready
- Workshops

To book on to any of the activities you find below, please use the [Microsoft form](#) or if you have a question, please contact the team on: raisingaspirations@salfordfoundation.org.uk

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PRIMARY SCHOOLS

TRANSITION DAY

Transition activities are fun and engaging activity days for primary school children to visit All Hallows as part of our Transition programme. These days are often split into 6 short workshops and a volunteer would be asked to run a simple 20 minute activity as part of the day. The transition days are often really popular and lots of fun. No training is required as briefing is given on the day. All activities are planned and resourced by Salford BEP. If you haven't had a go before, why not give it a try?

This full day event will be working with students from different Primary Schools across Salford coming to All Hallows and taking part in our themed activities. Volunteers will be asked to manage one of the 6 stations where the children will participate in an activity and then rotate around to the next one after the allotted time.

CURRENTLY RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS FOR:

- Currently no upcoming opportunities

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

WORLD OF WORK

Did you know what you wanted to do for a job when you were 14 years old? Our World of Work is an opportunity for students to find out what real life jobs are like. Through a Q&A session, students will be able to ask you questions about your job and the company you work for. For example, questions such as: what does your place of work look like? What do you do day-to-day? Did you go to college?

Small groups of students will carousel around 5-6 different sessions to find out about some of the different opportunities and job roles available. You will see 100+ students throughout the day.

Please be aware, we can only accept one college or training provider for each of the **World of Work events. This will be a first come, first serve basis.**

CURRENTLY RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS FOR:

- 17/10/2025 - 8:30am - 1:30pm
 - Wellacre Academy, Trafford
- 12/11/2025 - 10:15am - 3:15pm
 - Westhoughton High School, Bolton

MOCK INTERVIEWS

Young people will often only consider jobs that are familiar to them from friends and family creating a barrier to social mobility. Business volunteers in schools are essential for inspiring young people's visions for what they could be and practice interviews help students feel prepared for their next steps, increase their chances of securing work after education and confidence towards entering the world of work.

Interviews will be held in the school and the activity lasts for the whole academic day. Interview slots are 20 minutes with volunteers interviewing 10-15 students throughout the day. All materials are provided, no planning is needed and no prior experience required; a briefing will be given with all information needed on the morning of the event.

CURRENTLY RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS FOR:

- 22/10/2025 - 9:00am - 3:00pm
 - Reddish Vale High School, Stockport

MFL DAY

The MFL Day is designed to engage YR8 students in Languages through different activities around the Spanish, Italian, French & Polish languages. This is an opportunity for students to get a feel for a foreign language and help them decide if they want to choose a language for GCSE. Volunteers don't need to know one of the languages below, or know a second language but be willing to get involved and support students with their activity. Students will rotate around a variety of different activities, with volunteers helping and leading a short activity with a group around one of the countries outlined above.

Each volunteer will oversee one of these 4 activities:

- French food tasting
- Italian 'make a pizza'
- Polish pen pal
- Spanish art by Picasso

CURRENTLY RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS FOR:

- 25/09/2025 - 8:30am - 3:00pm
 - All Hallows RC High School, Salford

CAREERS CONVENTION

Our Careers Convention is an exciting opportunity for businesses, training providers, and organisations to showcase their industry, share expertise, and spark ambition in the workforce of the future.

Much like our World of Work event, the Careers Convention invites you to set up an engaging stall where you can connect directly with students from Year 9 to Year 11. Whether you bring interactive activities, live demonstrations, informative displays, or inspiring conversations, your presence will help students discover the pathways and opportunities within your sector.

By taking part, you will raise awareness of your industry and the skills it values, while inspiring potential future employees to explore your career pathways. You will also have the chance to build meaningful connections with young people at a crucial stage in their decision-making journey and promote training, apprenticeships, or study options alongside other respected providers.

CURRENTLY RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS FOR:

- 06/11/2025 - 8:30am - 12:00pm
 - All Hallows RC High School, Salford

WORKPLACE VISITS

Understanding the workplace is important to decision making for young people. Through these workplace visits, students will have an opportunity to not only understand what the working world looks like day-to-day, but students have the chance to meet and engage with employers in the workplace, whilst understanding through practical activity what it takes to do the job.

This activity is roughly 2 hours long and takes place in a workplace within Greater Manchester. Salford Foundation will complete administration and arrangements for the visits to take place, however groups will need to make their own way to the visit which will be arranged by the school.

We are looking for businesses who are willing to host a group of 14-16 students across a two hour period. Salford Foundation will work with you and your business to create the structure of the visit, as well as support in the development of any new and exciting activities you may want to deliver as part of the visit.

CURRENTLY RECRUITING WORKPLACE VISITS FOR:

- Fred Longworth High School, Wigan
- Hulme Grammar School, Oldham
- Manchester Secondary PRU
- Lowry Academy, Salford
- Albion Academy, Salford
- Hollingworth Academy, Rochdale

PERSONAL FINANCE DAY

This day is working with year 10 students (14 - 15 year olds). The aim of the day is to get pupils thinking about how they spend their money and what things they might have to budget for in the future. We talk about different aspects of personal finance including – personal banking, housing, transport, monthly spending and work-related finances including payslips and NI.

Each volunteer will oversee one of these activity-based workshops. No planning is required as all resources are provided and a briefing is given on the morning. Students will spend 20 minutes on your workshop activity, then rotate round to the others. No training or expertise in finance is required, just a willingness to want to help students learn about these essential skills.

CURRENTLY RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS FOR:

- 17/11/2025 - 9:00am - 3:00pm
 - St Antony's RC High School, Trafford





RAISING ASPIRATIONS MENTORING

Our mentoring programme has been running for 7 years now and has impacted over 2200 students across Greater Manchester. The main aim of the mentoring programme is to enable students in Year 8 and Year 9 to discover the skills and attitudes needed to successfully transition from education into the world of work. Through interactive activities and discussions with two groups of up to 8 students, you will have the chance to share your stories and help equip students with some of the essential skills needed in the world of work.

You will become a mentor for these students, meeting both groups for 1 hour each week (two hours total) over a 6-week period and delivering activities and leading discussions based around a different theme each week: team work, time management, self-awareness and resilience, communication and problem solving. All though it is not a mandatory part of the programme, we also like to encourage a visit to the mentors' place of work where the students can experience the workplace that you have been talking about. The programme is fully structure and resourced. You will need to attend a 1.5 hour online training session and complete a DBS form before being able to deliver this project.

Please be aware, we cannot accept any college or training provider for this programme. This will be a first come, first served basis.

CURRENTLY RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS FOR:

- Co-op Academy North, Manchester
 - 6 weeks (dates TBC)
- All Hallows RC High School, Salford
 - 6 weeks (dates TBC)
- Lowry Academy, Salford
 - 6 weeks (dates TBC)

COLLEGES

INTERVIEW READY

Feedback from businesses we have worked with over the years has told us that they believe many young people aren't prepared for their first job interview, so in collaboration with our business community, we have designed Interview Ready.

Interview Ready is for college-aged students and prepares them for their first step into the world of work. The two-part programme is made up of a preparation workshop with a class of students, covering: Personal Branding, Application Preparation and Interview Preparation, followed by a Mock Interview. The workshop will last approximately 90 minutes and each mock interview will be 20 minutes.

Salford Foundation will deliver the preparation session in partnership with the business, followed by business volunteers delivering the mock interviews, with support from Salford Foundation staff. Business volunteers will have the opportunity to share some of their knowledge and experience through the workshop, then be able to interview students one-on-one shortly after. Salford Foundation provide all of resources for the day, so little is needed from volunteers beforehand. What we ask is usually for a business to partner for an event, providing multiple volunteers to take part in the activity on the day, rather than individual volunteers, so why not ask colleagues if you can partner together to host one of these events.

There are two main groups of students that will undertake the programme:

- Students studying courses relevant to the business volunteer's experience – we will match you with a group of students that would be likely to enter into a similar role/organisation.
- Princes Trust: students who are completing a 12 week course to improve their confidence and employability skills. These students will benefit greatly from meeting with business volunteers and learning new skills to move into work or further education.

CURRENTLY RECRUITING BUSINESSES FOR:

- Interview Ready activities are scheduled around the business. If you are interested in this opportunity, please register your interest and one of the team will be in touch to discuss further.

COLLEGES

MEET THE BUSINESS

An opportunity to showcase your business and the different job roles and departments within the organisation to a group of college-aged students, the session will be approximately one hour dependant on number of volunteers.

We have often found that students can be unaware of the variety of jobs available in a company - that everyone who works for a construction company isn't a builder, that not everyone who works at an accountancy firm isn't an accountant and so on.

Business volunteers from different backgrounds and job roles (three to four) will talk about their job and role within the organisation, as well as discussing what it is like to do their job. Dependant on the number of volunteers we would expect this to last around 10 minutes each, followed by a Question and Answer session with the students.

We will provide a list of suggestions, however volunteers are free to discuss what they feel is important for young people to know, and this could include:

- How did you get to your current position?
- What does a 'typical' day look like in your role (is it 9-5, is there travel etc.)?
- What do you wish you'd known before your first job?

Volunteers could also run an activity if they choose. It is also a great opportunity to discuss what roles are available in the organisation, such as entry level, apprentices and graduate roles as well as showing the range of departments.

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- Meet the Businesses activities are scheduled around the business. If you are interested in this opportunity, please register your interest and one of the team will be in touch to discuss further.

COLLEGES

WORKSHOPS

Businesses will create and develop a workshop that will look at different aspects of the company, giving an insight into the range of careers, skills and technologies found in the ever-changing world of work.

Workshops are delivered by sector professionals, with the support of Salford Foundation Staff. Sessions can be run in the business environment, in college or remotely.

The project is tailored to college students aged 16-19 studying relevant courses that would be well suited to the company.

Businesses can work with Salford Foundation and colleges in selecting the date, length and content of the workshops. We encourage businesses to add an activity that showcases the type of role available where possible. Ask us for help in planning this if you'd like!

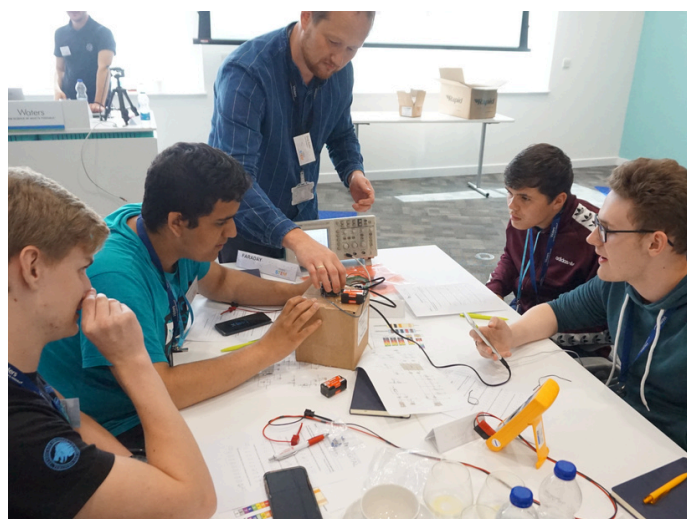
This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase the businesses, and provide students with an understand of real world experiences of working within a company.

We are particularly interested in working with businesses who can showcase careers and industry sectors that are up-and-coming, such as:

- Sustainability / Green Jobs
- Digital and Technology (in particular: Cybersecurity, eSports, AI and VR, etc.)

CURRENTLY RECRUITING BUSINESSES FOR:

- Workshops are scheduled around the business. If you are interested in this opportunity, please register your interest and one of the team will be in touch to discuss further.



SUPPORT A SCHOOL

As a business, if you feel passionate about working with a particular school that isn't featured in this brochure, we have the opportunity for you to support an activity (or activities) in that school. Through partnering with Salford Foundation, we can organise and facilitate one of our flagship activities for you whilst encouraging your staff and our network of volunteers to attend.

We'll also make a huge noise on social media to show the impact you are having by supporting the activity, as well as adding you to our website as one of our official corporate partners.

If you want to achieve your own corporate social responsibilities in your area or in a particular school, join many others who have already done so by getting in touch with us by email at raisingaspirations@salfordfoundation.org.uk

