salford foundation

RAISING ASPIRATIONS

Corporate Volunteering Brochure

October 2026 to December 2026

PRIORITY ACTIVITIES WE'RE RECRUITING FOR THIS MONTH:

WORLD OF WORK

MOCK INTERVIEWS

TRANSITION DAY

Salford Foundation, Foundation House, 3 Jo Street, Salford, M5 4BD
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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.

All of the projects that we are currently recruiting volunteers for are:

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

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

Primary School

Transition Day

Transition Activity Days are designed to help Year 6 pupils feel confident and excited about starting high school. They'll visit All Hallows, meet children from other local primaries, and take part in a series of fun, themed workshops that build teamwork, creativity, and confidence.

As a volunteer, you'll help make the day enjoyable and memorable by running a simple 20-minute activity at one of six stations. Small groups of pupils will rotate around the workshops, and you'll guide and encourage them as they go. No prior experience is needed – all activities are fully planned and resourced, and you'll receive a clear briefing on the day.

This theme is Christmas Crafts, with hands-on activities such as reindeer hot chocolate making, Christmas cracker making, bauble making and more! Your role is to create a welcoming atmosphere, support the children, and add to the festive spirit of the day.

Transition Days are always a highlight of the school year – lively, rewarding, and a fantastic way to make a difference while having fun with the young people of Salford.

Next Volunteering Opportunity:

- 2nd December, 8:15am - 3:00pm
  - All Hallows RC High School, Salford

High School

World of Work

World of Work sessions give young people a real insight into different jobs and career pathways – starting with a simple conversation with you.

As a volunteer, you'll chat with small groups of students (15–20 minutes each), sharing your career journey, answering questions, and helping them imagine their own futures. These conversations can be hugely influential, even shaping choices like which GCSEs they take.

We ask each volunteer to plan a short activity to bring their role or industry to life – but don't worry, we can provide ideas and resources if needed. Students rotate in a 'carousel' format, so you'll meet several groups across the session, giving them a broad view of the world of work.

You're welcome to bring banners, handouts, or giveaways, and interactive activities are encouraged.

Taking part is a rewarding way to inspire the next generation while experiencing their enthusiasm, curiosity, and potential firsthand.

Next Volunteering Opportunity:

- 4th November - 8:30am - 1:30pm
  - West Hill School, Tameside
- 7th December - 8:00am - 2:30pm
  - The Derby High School, Bury
- 9th December - 8:15am - 1:30pm
  - Irlam & Cadishead Academy, Salford

High School

World of Work - Cloughside College

Cloughside College is a community hospital special school in Bury, supporting young people receiving psychiatric care across Fairfield and Prestwich Hospitals.

All of their students are hospital patients, many with complex mental health needs, and their work focuses on providing stability, encouragement, and hope during a challenging time in the students' lives.

Their mission is simple: to inspire young people to achieve a brighter future. They provide continuity, promote recovery, and create clear next-step opportunities—equipping learners with the skills and confidence they need to move into education, training, or employment beyond hospital life.

By joining them for World of Work Day, your business can play a meaningful role in opening doors to new possibilities. Sharing your experience, insight, and expertise offers their students a vital glimpse into the working world and helps them imagine brighter futures for themselves.

The day takes place across two sites, and volunteers will be asked to take part in both sessions:

- Fairfield Hospital: Morning
- Travel between sites: Approx. 20 minutes (transport required)
- Prestwich Hospital: Afternoon

Next Volunteering Opportunity:

- 26th November - 10:30am - 3:00pm
  - Cloughside College, Bury

High School

Mock Interviews

Mock Interviews give young people a taste of real job interviews, helping them prepare, build confidence, and develop vital skills for the workplace.

As a volunteer, you'll meet 10–15 students across the school day in 20-minute interview slots. After each interview, you'll give constructive feedback, encouragement, and practical tips to help them improve.

No preparation or experience is needed – all materials are provided, and you'll receive a full briefing on the day. Your role is simply to listen, ask questions, and share advice in a supportive way.

By taking part, you'll help students look beyond the jobs they already know, inspiring them to aim higher and feel more confident about their future.

Next Volunteering Opportunity:

- 19th November - 8:15am - 3:00pm
  - St Monica's RC High School, Bury
- 23rd November - 8:30am - 3:15pm
  - Manchester Enterprise Academy
- 3rd December - 8:00am - 3:00pm
  - Reddish Vale High School, Stockport

High School

Personal Finance Day

Personal Finance Day gives Year 10 students (aged 14–15) a head start in understanding money management and the financial responsibilities of adult life.

Students rotate through interactive workshops on topics like banking, budgeting, living costs, transport, and payslips. As a volunteer, you'll oversee one of these sessions, guiding small groups for around 20 minutes each.

No financial expertise or preparation is needed – all resources are provided, and you'll get a full briefing on the day. Your role is to encourage discussion, support the activity, and help students think about real-life financial choices.

By taking part, you'll give young people essential budgeting and decision-making skills, building their confidence for the future.

Next Volunteering Opportunity:

- 10th November - 8:30am - 3:00pm
  - Matthew Moss High School, Rochdale

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High School

Trade Wars

Trade Wars is a fast-paced and engaging trading game that gives students the chance to experience the challenges and excitement of the global economy.

Students are divided into teams, with each team representing a different country. Every country starts with a unique set of resources, reflecting the varying levels of wealth and opportunity found around the world. Working together, teams must use their resources strategically to create products and trade successfully in a competitive marketplace.

As market values rise and fall, students must think creatively, negotiate effectively, and make quick decisions to maximise their profits. The ultimate goal is to earn as much money as possible by creating products and selling them to the bank at the best price.

Volunteers play a key role by supporting a country team throughout the challenge, helping students develop their teamwork, communication, problem-solving and decision-making skills. With plenty of friendly competition, surprises and excitement along the way, Trade Wars is always a lively and memorable experience for both students and volunteers alike.

Next Volunteering Opportunity:

- 21st October - 8:15am - 3:00pm
  - All Hallows RC High School, Salford

High School

Careers Fair

Our Careers Fair brings together businesses, training providers, and organisations to inspire students in Years 9–11 as they explore future pathways.

As a participant, you'll host a stall to engage directly with students through activities, demonstrations, displays, or conversations. This is your chance to showcase your sector, highlight skills and opportunities, and share your career insights.

By taking part, you'll:

- Raise awareness of your organisation and sector
- Promote apprenticeships, training routes, or study options
- Connect with students at a key decision-making stage
- Inspire potential future employees

This event is more than information—it's a chance to spark ambition and help young people make informed choices about their futures.

Next Volunteering Opportunity:

- 19th November - 8:30am - 12:00pm
  - All Hallows RC High School, Salford

High School

Workplace Visits

Our Workplace Visits give students the chance to step inside real businesses, see what the working environment is like day-to-day, and discover what different jobs actually involve. These visits also allow students to meet and interact with employers, gaining a deeper understanding of the skills, behaviours, and attitudes needed to succeed.

Each visit lasts around two hours and takes place at a workplace within Greater Manchester. During their time on-site, students will take part in a mix of activities – from guided tours and Q&A sessions to practical, hands-on tasks that bring different roles to life. We are looking for businesses willing to host a group of 14–16 students.

The Salford Foundation team will handle all the administration and arrangements, working with you to design the structure of the visit. We'll also support you in developing any engaging activities you'd like to deliver as part of the session. Transport for students is arranged by their school, so all you need to do is open your doors and share your workplace with the next generation.

By hosting a Workplace Visit, you'll give young people a valuable insight into the world of work, inspire their future choices, and showcase the exciting opportunities within your industry...

Next Volunteering Opportunity:

- Westhoughton High School, Bolton
- Lowry Academy, Salford
- St Ambrose Barlow RC High School, Salford
- Oasis Academy, Salford
- Hollingworth Academy, Rochdale
- Albion Academy, Salford

High School

Mentoring

Our Mentoring Programme has supported over 2,200 students across Greater Manchester for the past seven years. Aimed at Year 8 and Year 9, it helps young people build the skills, confidence, and attitudes needed for the world of work.

As a mentor, you'll work with two small groups (up to eight students each) for one hour per group, per week, over six weeks. Sessions focus on key workplace skills such as teamwork, communication, resilience, time management, and problem-solving.

You'll also share your own career experiences to show how these skills apply in real life. Some mentors even invite students to their workplace for a valuable first-hand look at a professional environment.

The programme is fully structured and resourced, with training (1.5 hours online) and a DBS check provided. No planning needed – just bring your enthusiasm and experience.

Mentoring is a rewarding way to inspire young people, support their development, and give them the tools to succeed.

Please note: This opportunity is not open to colleges or training providers. Places are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Next Volunteering Opportunity:

- Edgar Wood Academy, Rochdale
- Wellacre Academy, Trafford
- Parrenthorn High School, Bury

College

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Interview Ready

Many young people feel underprepared for their first job interview, and Interview Ready is designed to change that. Aimed at college-aged students, the programme builds confidence and provides practical skills for entering the world of work. The two-part format includes a 90-minute workshop covering personal branding, applications, and interview preparation, followed by a 20-minute mock interview with a business volunteer. Volunteers support both stages – sharing insights during the workshop and then giving students constructive feedback in their interviews. All resources are provided by Salford Foundation, and businesses are encouraged to bring several volunteers to make a bigger impact. By taking part, you'll help young people improve their employability and take a confident first step into work or further education.

Meet the Business

Our Meet the Business sessions give college students the chance to explore the wide variety of roles within an organisation – from entry-level jobs to apprenticeships and graduate pathways. Over the course of an hour, three to four volunteers each share their career journeys, explain what their day-to-day role involves, and highlight the skills needed to succeed.

The session ends with a lively Q&A, allowing students to ask questions and gain a clearer picture of the workplace. It's a great way to challenge misconceptions (for example, not everyone in construction is a builder!) and to showcase the different departments that make up your organisation. Volunteers can also add in a short activity to make the session more interactive and engaging.

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Workshops

Our Workshops give college students (aged 16–19) a first-hand look at the careers, skills, and technologies shaping today's world of work. Delivered by sector professionals with support from Salford Foundation staff, sessions can be hosted at your workplace, in a college, or even delivered remotely.

Each workshop is tailored to students studying relevant courses, making the experience practical and inspiring. Businesses are encouraged to showcase their organisation, introduce different career pathways, and include an interactive activity that brings the role to life.

This is a fantastic way to highlight the opportunities within your sector, especially in emerging industries such as sustainability, green jobs, and digital technology (including Cybersecurity, AI, VR, and eSports).

Workplace Exhibitions

Our Workplace Exhibitions give college students (aged 16–19) the chance to spend a full day inside a real business, exploring the range of roles, skills, and career pathways your organisation offers.

Students will take part in engaging, hands-on activities such as workplace tours, team challenges, and talks from employees, gaining valuable insight into what it's really like to work in your industry.

The Salford Foundation team will handle all planning and logistics, working with you to design an inspiring and interactive programme that brings your workplace to life.

By hosting a Workplace Exhibition, you'll help young people connect their studies to real careers, showcase the opportunities within your organisation, and inspire the next generation of talent.

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