

## Employer Supported Volunteering

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## Free business expertise available from BT

### Urgent response required

Volunteer Centre Wiltshire is excited to be working in partnership with Volunteering England and BT on an initiative to support community groups.

We are currently looking for suitable local organisations that could really benefit from using BT's business expertise.

#### What's involved?

- BT's Troubleshooter project is part of their commitment to give something back to the communities in which they operate. They are hoping to help a few local charities address key problems or challenges they are facing. For example, you could be looking to develop a funding or income strategy, introduce new services, or develop a strategic plan etc.
- There is no cost for taking part.
- A limited number of groups will attend one of two events in March and May
- A small team of BT staff will apply their skills and knowledge and propose some solutions.

#### Is it for you?

- Does your organisation have an important issue that is proving to be a real challenge?
- Could you benefit from some free, independent and objective input of skills and expertise?
- Are you prepared to share your issue(s) with a small group and be open to ideas for solutions?
- Can you spare two or three senior members of your organisation through the short process?

#### Why should you take part?

- Expertise and specific skills are available to you that may not be abundant in your organisation
- You will gain a fresh perspective of people operating in a competitive commercial environment
- You will have total commitment from a very enthusiastic group which relish the opportunity to apply their skills for your great cause.
- Potential to develop new senior contacts within a global, community focused business
- Opportunity to develop a case study (if agreeable) to reach a wider audience
- Be an early participant in a new, local, Employer Supported Volunteering (ESV) scheme

#### What if this isn't right for us or we are not involved?

Volunteer Centre Wiltshire is introducing a new Employer Supported Volunteering scheme in the county. We would be delighted to work with you to explore the support you might benefit from, which could be provided by appropriate partners from local businesses and public sector bodies.

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