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The future of youth volunteering in Sunderland has been secured with **CSV, Springboard Action Sunderland's vinvolved team.**

We are delighted to have been invited, as part of the new national vinvolved initiative, to coordinate the v programme in Sunderland, This highly sought after accolade from v, the National Youth Volunteering Agency, is an excellent endorsement of our ability to develop youth volunteering in Sunderland to a high national standard.

Working in partnership with the **Sunderland Volunteer Centre** and **Sunderland City Council Integrated Youth Board**, we now combine our wealth of knowledge as the youth volunteering hub of Sunderland to inspire and assist a greater number of organisations throughout the City to engage our young people, aged between 16 to 25, in new and exciting voluntary activities. These activities will reflect not only the needs and aspirations of the young volunteers but also make a real difference to the organisations and communities in which they live. Our '**Youth Action Team**' assist in the planning and development of the project, adding young and fresh ideas needed for the programme's capacity building success, promoting the benefits of youth volunteering and be a positive peer influence in engaging more young people.

Role of the vinvolved Team

As we continue to roll out the vinvolved programme in Sunderland, we are making our values very clear.

We believe that our young people:

- should be actively involved in their communities;
- are entitled to be offered the opportunity to volunteer;
- should be involved in the creation and delivery of volunteering experiences;
- should have the opportunity to reflect on their experiences;
- can do it for themselves;
- should be offered the opportunity to progress and take leadership roles.

Furthermore, we believe:

- in choice, inclusion, and accessibility;
- in diversity of opportunities, volunteers and providers;
- that acting on the interests, passions and beliefs of young people is key to their further positive engagement in society;
- in recognising and rewarding young people's efforts;
- in demonstrable impact.

By engaging with our vinvolved programme, you will have demonstrated that you share these values.

The role of the vinvolved Team Project Development Manager and Project Development Advisor will be to work with as many young people and organisations as possible to develop a new and enhanced youth volunteering infrastructure.

The objective will be to enable far more young people to volunteer, with a more diverse group of organisations and include many more under-represented groups.

The vinvolved Team will be responsible for delivering a programme of work under the following headings:

Strategy and management

The work of the vinvolved Team will be to reach as many organisations in every community in the City as possible.

The priority will be to reach out beyond the existing network of youth related organisations especially to include under-represented young people as we develop our thinking about the future of a unified and City wide volunteering infrastructure.

Information dissemination, good practice and management development

Offer support to local infrastructure groups to develop a strategic, cohesive and effective approach to youth volunteering, with a focus on researching and developing information resources, training and accreditation strategies.

Brokering and accreditation of volunteers

Registering all current volunteers for v accreditation, signposting young people to new and existing opportunities and supporting young people to access volunteering opportunities which reflect their passions, skills and interest. Offering information and assistance with volunteering accreditation through nationally recognised certification, and sourcing other forms of training and accreditation available to young volunteers.

To register your young people to receive their national v Accreditation Award please contact Alex Dunn, vinvolved Team Development Advisor on 0191 5518241 or adunn@springboard-ne.org

For other enquiries regarding any aspect of youth volunteering in Sunderland please contact Brian Watson, vinvolved Team Development Manager on 0191 5518241 or bwatson@springboard-ne.org

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