

If you have skills and time to contribute as a volunteer, the Surrey Care Trust needs YOU



Giving time to help change lives

It's half past nine in the morning... what would many of these young people be doing if they weren't here? Many of them would still be in bed, then they'd get up at lunchtime and spend the rest of the day hanging around the streets.

We are giving them a chance to stay in education. I have to admit I was quite anxious on my first day, not sure what to expect from these "challenging" young people. I thought they might be disruptive, rude and aggressive.

Whatever they were like at school, they

are not like that here. They are lively but I've not had any rudeness from them.

What they do find hard to quite grasp is why I would want to come here of my own free will, for no pay!

I suppose they are quite vulnerable and needy but they don't think of themselves like that. They toughen up and get through what life brings.

They can be great fun. I really enjoy working with them.

You could help young people transform their chances in life, and gain new skills for yourself at the same time by volunteering with our STEPS programmes. There are also volunteering opportunities on our Swingbridge Boats and to help with administrative jobs at our Milford office.

Call Sue Stainsby on 01483 426990 to find out more

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OUR **work** at the Surrey Care Trust is to **transform the life chances** and **aspirations** of people who are marginalised by disadvantage and lack of opportunity or who need a second chance.

Much of our work today is in innovative training and education giving people a second opportunity of learning, discovering their abilities and developing their skills.

We are working with young people who have struggled to thrive in mainstream school through our **STEPS** programmes. We also have our own learning centres at Redhill, Staines and Woking.

Our **FACE** programme is re-engaging unemployed adults in learning and developing skills to improve their chances of finding work.

Our **Swingbridge Community Boats** provide a range of training and volunteering opportunities to help people learn new skills.

With our work running the **Stanwell Sure Start Children's Centre**, we are also involved in pre-school learning, as well as supporting local families and providing adult education.

The Surrey Care Trust also runs **Crisis Grants**, a fund which, for 27 years, has been providing modest, financial assistance, given swiftly, to local people facing hardship.