

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



# Giving time to help change lives

Vicky Campbell, pictured above left, volunteers one day a week at the Surrey Care Trust's Woking Learning Centre where we run our STEPS programme for young people who have struggled to fit into mainstream school. Vicky has an office job but would like a career working with children or young people, which she feels would be more rewarding. Volunteering is giving her practical experience and the opportunity of training.

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 can read the full interview with Vicky @ [surreycaretrust.org.uk](http://surreycaretrust.org.uk)

If you think you would find it rewarding to help young people transform their chances in life, and gain new skills for yourself at the same time, we have volunteer posts in Redhill, Staines and Woking and are seeking mentors to support teenagers after they have moved on. There are also opportunities for trainee skippers on our Swingbridge Community Boats and to help with administrative jobs at our Milford office.

Call Sue Stainsby on 01483 426990 to find out more or visit us online @...

**VOLUNTEERING  
MAKES all the  
DIFFERENCE**