



Leeds Conference

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Leeds Year of Volunteering



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Aims of Leeds Year of Volunteering 2010

- To celebrate and promote volunteering
- To increase community engagement through volunteering
- To create more volunteers and volunteering opportunities
- To deliver a quality volunteering experience



Health celebration awards - February



What have we done?

- Over 100 events held - over 8000 people attending.
- Over 60 organisations have received small grants to help them use volunteers
- Ten theme celebrations held
- A volunteering “Kite Mark” and Toolkit
- Volunteering debates

Volunteer Picnic - June



How have we done?

- The number of recorded volunteers enrolling in Leeds has increased by over 200%
- 1153 volunteers have been placed
- The level of corporate volunteering has increased
- Over 50 new organisations have registered new volunteering places

Volunteering in Sport in July



Volunteer Centre Leeds

- A new Volunteer Centre is open in Leeds
- The estimated economic benefit to the Leeds economy of almost £1 million.
- The Volunteer Centre Leeds uses 12 volunteers and is now open five days per week.
- 84% of people volunteering through the centre have been people without work.
- There is now an urgent need to find new volunteering opportunities in Leeds.

Rosebank Millenium Green project August



Our objectives for the European Year 2011 in Leeds

- To sustain the increased levels in volunteering made during 2010
- To increase the level of volunteering placements by 25%
- Develop closer links with volunteers in our partner cities
- To produce a Volunteering Strategy for Leeds during 2011 to contribute to the Leeds city priorities
- To support the work of volunteer organisations that are tackling our most difficult issues
- Leeds City Council to review the way it uses volunteers



Year of Volunteering photo exhibition November



European Year of Volunteering themes in Leeds

- January and February: poverty and homelessness, led by Latch
- March and April: supporting young people and children led by V Involved
- May and June: environmental volunteering led by Groundwork
- July and August: sport (looking forward to London 2012) led by Sports Leeds
- September and October: culture and the arts led by Space 2
- November and December: health and wellbeing led by Healthy Living Network Leeds



What can you do?

- Work with us to share information and best practice
- Provide volunteering placements to new volunteers
- Make contacts with voluntary organisations in our partner cities
- Let us know how we can help you?

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