

Get in touch

Volunteer Centre Western Isles is an independent local charity with 4 offices and staff throughout the Western Isles.

Please drop in or contact us for further information about any of our services.

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We are proud to support the Third Sector as a partner in the Third Sector Interface Western Isles (TSIWI), funded by Scottish Government as part of a Scotland-wide network of TSI's.



Volunteer Awards

We provide a free service to people of all ages and in all areas of the Western Isles.

Adult Volunteer Awards

We can support you to celebrate and recognise the contribution of your volunteers through our Kisimul and Clisham Volunteer Awards, designed to recognise the impact of adult volunteers (aged 26 and over) in our community.

Our Awards can be used to show your appreciation of your regular volunteers or for one-off volunteering events within your organisation or to recognise an outstanding volunteering contribution.

Award certificates can be requested at any time through your local Volunteer Centre Development Worker.

Youth Volunteer Awards

If you are 25 or under, we can support you to volunteer and access volunteer awards.

If you are a teacher, youth worker or are involved in a youth setting such as a school, church, youth or community group, we can support you to access volunteer awards for young volunteers.

Callanish Awards

Callanish is a certificate awarded to under 12's, which recognises voluntary participation in one-off team or individual events.

Saltire Awards

If you are aged between 12 – 25, you can sign up for a Saltire Award through us.

The Saltire Awards are a national Scottish Government initiative which celebrate, recognise and reward the commitment and contribution of young volunteers throughout Scotland.

Saltire awards are nationally recognised, flexible and you can sign up with us even if you are already volunteering.



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For Volunteers

Giving your time can benefit your community... yet it's a whole lot more than that!

In return for your time, commitment and enthusiasm, volunteering offers great opportunities to meet other people, develop new interests and have fun.

We can:

- support you to find a volunteering opportunity
- match you to a volunteer role within local and national organisations
- offer you any support you may need throughout your volunteering
- explain more about volunteer awards you may be able to register for

Volunteering can be done from home, in your community or further afield. You can volunteer as a one-off or on a regular basis – there's something for everyone!

Our services are free and confidential.

To find out more, call into one of our offices, phone, email or contact us on social media.

For Business

Supporting volunteering can benefit your staff as well as increasing your community presence and providing team building or individual development opportunities outside the workplace.

Businesses can register with the Volunteer Centre Western Isles for:

- information on employer-supported volunteer opportunities for your staff
- good practice guidance on volunteer policies and management
- local volunteer management training

Other ways your business can support volunteering could include:

- sponsoring local volunteer events
- donation/ loan of skills and resources, e.g. meeting rooms

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For Organisations

If your organisation or community group involves volunteers, we can provide you with support and advice in a range of ways.

Whether you need help with volunteer recruitment or management, or you are considering involving volunteers in your organisation for the first time and don't know where to start, we are here to help.

We can:

- provide confidential, free advice on a 1:1 basis on volunteer policies and procedures
- provide good practice advice and training courses on all aspects of involving, recruiting and managing volunteers
- support you to develop, create and promote attractive volunteer opportunities within your organisation
- support you with ways to recognise and celebrate your volunteers, e.g. volunteer awards
- facilitate volunteer awards for people of all ages,
- facilitate the national Volunteer Friendly Award, the quality standard award for organisations
- support recruitment of volunteers for community events
- promote your volunteering opportunities throughout the Western Isles and signpost people to your organisation.