



**OUR WOMEN HAVE
A STORY TO TELL**

BE A PART OF IT

VOLUNTEER AT TOGETHER WOMEN PROJECT



together women



Coming here has formed a big part of my identity. It's given me focus, confidence and a lot of empowerment.

Caroline - TWP Hull

TOGETHER WOMEN PROJECT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

**WE SUPPORT WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY
WHEN THEY NEED IT THE MOST.**

As a volunteer at TWP you will be providing front-line support to women - **empowering them** and **developing you**.

We are an organisation that values your skills and we will put them to the test. By volunteering with us, you won't get stuck behind a desk or photocopying paperwork.

At TWP you will provide face to face support to our women, which goes further than just listening.

You will have the opportunity to hear someone's story, but more importantly **you can be part of it.**

1800

women supported
in 2013

98%

of women continue
to engage

100%

of student placements
passed

85%

of students volunteer
after placement



NAME SARAH
BACKGROUND
LAW STUDENT
PLACEMENT 9 MONTHS
LOCATION LEEDS

NAME RACHEL
BACKGROUND
ART STUDENT
PLACEMENT 12 MONTHS
LOCATION LEEDS

NAME JENI
BACKGROUND
ENGLISH STUDENT
PLACEMENT 12 MONTHS
LOCATION LEEDS

How useful has your volunteering been in terms of preparing you for full time work?

“You don’t notice how useful and important volunteering is until you do it. At times it’s felt more important than my degree and to be honest it’s offered so much more. Volunteering here gives you a great experience of being in full time employment. Its *real work experience.*” **Jeni**

What development opportunities have you been given?

“I have had so many more opportunities volunteering here than others on my course. It has put me so far ahead in terms of my employment prospects when I’m done. You develop so many skills here and Together Women Project push you to learn more. My CV has been so embellished. I had my supervision yesterday and my manager booked me on 5 training courses that are all relevant to my development. You can’t get that anywhere else.” **Sarah**

What are your responsibilities here at Together Women Project?

“I am responsible for an English conversation class for two hours a week. I write lessons plans and recruit new volunteers. I also run a job club to help women build their CV’s. It’s so nice to hear from the women what a difference it makes. Because I make an effort the women feel safe and they are always telling me how much it helps.” **Sarah**

“You get loads of responsibility. You don’t have people watching over you or holding you back. You are supported but not micro-managed. As a volunteer with Together Women project you make the decisions; there are no time requirements. We volunteer when we can around our studies and commitments.” **Rachel**



NAME NATALIE
BACKGROUND
CUSTOMER - NOW
VOLUNTEER AT TWP
LOCATION SHEFFIELD

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The most rewarding thing about volunteering at Together Women Project is seeing the positive changes in the women when they come through the hard times.

Natalie - TWP Sheffield

Background

Natalie first accessed TWP as a customer before starting as a volunteer at our Sheffield project. Once Natalie decided that she wanted to get more involved at the project, she talked to her support worker and came up with a plan to make it happen. As the team at TWP Sheffield already knew Natalie and her background, they could support her from day one; which really helped her to settle in.

Responsibilities

The staff team in Sheffield supported Natalie through her transition to volunteer, giving her responsibilities at a pace that suited her. To start with, this involved admin work around the office but it was not long before Natalie choose to drive forward a new SMART recovery group at the project. Natalie is now the lead worker for SMART at Sheffield and facilitates and co-ordinates everything to do with the group. As Natalie's confidence grew so did her level of responsibility and she now manages her own case load of vulnerable women who access the Sheffield project. Natalie is a massive asset to the Sheffield project; her enthusiasm, commitment and passion are inspirational for not just the staff but the women we support.

Development

Natalie has been making the most out of the training opportunities on offer to our volunteers. She has recently completed a mental health awareness course and in the near future will be starting some health and well being training. Natalie is responsible for making her own training choices and identifying the areas that she wants to develop in; which means that every course she attends is relevant and useful to her interests. Natalie has really embraced the opportunities that TWP offer and has grown in confidence to become a key part of our team.



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As a student you can get caught in a bubble, not knowing about or getting involved in the things around you. Volunteering at Together Women Project not only develops you - it gives something back to your community.

Jeni - TWP Leeds

EMPOWERING WOMEN

THE REAL REWARD OF VOLUNTEERING AT TOGETHER WOMEN PROJECT IS THE CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Empowering the women is important to us and it requires us all to work together, but the end result is worth it. As a volunteer at TWP you would play a huge role in empowering the women who access our service.

Seeing the women we work with grow and overcome difficulties in their community is a great experience for everyone involved. As a volunteer this will be your daily challenge and ultimate goal.

Empowerment spreads through our organisation from top to bottom. You will experience it, give it, talk about it and celebrate it.



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Together Women Project promotes responsibility in you and the women. That's what makes us come back and it's what keeps the women coming back too.

Caroline - TWP Hull

NAME CAROLINE
BACKGROUND
PSYCHOLOGY STUDENT
PLACEMENT 12 WEEKS
LOCATION HULL

TRAINING DEVELOPMENT

**WE DON'T JUST WORK HARD TO EMPOWER
OUR WOMEN. WE ALSO STRIVE TO DEVELOP
OUR STAFF AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY.**

At Together Women Project we offer a personalised training package to our volunteers. This will meet the needs of your voluntary role with us and also assist in your professional development.

To us development is not just about training, it's about responsibility and being able to grow. With TWP that's exactly what you will get.

If you have an idea that will help our women and offer something new we will work with you to make it a reality.

How did TWP treat you as a volunteer?

“I was 100% treated like someone who was fully employed here. I was given individuality and understanding. It has been so much more valuable than sitting behind a book. The experience has been so real, nothing beats practical front-line experience with an organisation that offers real development opportunities.”

What experience have you gained from volunteering at TWP?

“My experience here has been a big part of my identity, it has given me focus, confidence and a lot of empowerment. I have always been very involved; not just making coffees – I was involved in referrals, prison releases and sessions with the women in the project from the start.”

How has your volunteering complemented your degree studies?

“Volunteering here has put me head and shoulders above other people on my degree because of the opportunities, experience and development that is on offer. It has really complemented the studying I have been doing and given me some practical experience of what I am learning about. It has been so beneficial both professionally and personally.”

UNIVERSITY OPPORTUNITIES AND PARTNERSHIPS

AT TOGETHER WOMEN PROJECT WE PROVIDE REWARDING, SUPPORTIVE AND EMPOWERING PLACEMENTS FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS.

Our students come from a diverse range of courses from social work to art therapy and commit as much or as little time as they want. During our student's time with Together Women Project we work hard to provide them with opportunities that help them grow and develop. We provide training, supervision and guidance that helps them not only achieve on the placement, but also in their own personal development and career.

Whether you're a student, placement supervisor or University staff, get in touch today so we can make a difference together.

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CENTRE ABOUT BECOMING A VOLUNTEER.

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