



VOLUNTEER

**Volunteering
for CIEH**

CIEH welcomes its members volunteering in different ways, giving what time they can in ways that fit best with their life. This can mean taking up a lead volunteer role within the membership network, helping out with local events and activities, or taking on a more formal role as an assessor, subject matter expert, committee member or trustee.

CIEH welcomes members contributing professional expertise, helping with responses to consultations, best practice notes and policy briefings. Join one of our technical panels or working groups to help make a difference.

The skills and competencies found within our professional community mean that environmental health professionals have a great deal to contribute to environmental and public health. Why not volunteer with CIEH and help us promote safer, cleaner and healthier environments for the benefit of people, businesses and communities.

BENEFITS

OF VOLUNTEERING



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Work in partnership with others to make a difference to public and environmental health within your community.



ENHANCE YOUR CV

Volunteering of any kind looks great on your CV and the experience gained is invaluable in developing your career.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Volunteering helps with both personal and professional development and can earn you CPD points.



MAKE NEW FRIENDS

Volunteers come from all walks of life and career paths. You will have the opportunity to create friendships which can last a life time.



BECOME MORE SOCIALLY AWARE

Through volunteering you will engage in experiences that will increase your awareness of other perspectives and ideas.



LEARN NEW SKILLS

Work with others to gain new skills and increase your employability in a fast changing employment market.



GIVING SOMETHING BACK

Use your skills and experience to help others by putting something back into our professional community.

YOU

AND VOLUNTEERING

What makes a good volunteer?

If you have never volunteered before, take some time to consider if it's really something you want to do before you commit yourself? Many environmental health professionals have found that their skills and competencies are well suited to a volunteer role:

- you will need **common sense** and **ingenuity** to think on your feet and problem solve
- you need to feel comfortable **taking the initiative**
- you need to be **responsible** and **reliable**
- you need to be **sociable** and a **team player**
- you need to be **flexible** and have a **positive attitude**
- you need to **have a sense of humour**.



CHOOSING

THE RIGHT OPPORTUNITY

“I DON’T HAVE MUCH TIME AND WOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO SUPPORT MY OWN SPECIALIST FIELD.”

Join one of our [expert panels](#) and help us develop policy advice and guidance.

Contribute to [consultation responses](#) to help shape environmental and public health legislation.

Become a [subject matter expert](#) and create content for use by EHPs across the private, public and third sectors.



“I WOULD LIKE TO HELP OTHER EHPs WITH THEIR CAREER, ESPECIALLY STUDENTS OR YOUNGER PROFESSIONALS.”

- Become an [assessor](#) and help our Learning team with student examinations and assessments.
- Support students by helping to set up, or speaking at, one of our [Student Connect](#) days sharing your career experiences and the choices you made.
- Help others to contribute to the professional knowledge and evidence base by becoming a [research mentor](#).



- Help our Membership team assess the [membership and fellowship applications](#) of experienced practitioners from around the world.
- Join our [Fitness to Practise Panel](#) and help us maintain the high standards of the profession.
- Sit on our [professional interview panel](#) and help assess the knowledge of the next generation of EHPs.

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**“I WOULD LIKE
TO VOLUNTEER
FOR MY LOCAL
MEMBERSHIP
COMMUNITY.”**

- Become a **lead volunteer** for one of our **regional hubs** and work with the volunteer team to deliver local workshops and events and social activities.
- Join the **volunteer team** to support the delivery of over 35,000 hours of CPD across all disciplines and levels.
- Become a **mentor** to help develop the professionals of the future by sharing your knowledge and experience.
- Help set up events for **retired colleagues** to keep connected and up to date with all that's going on.

- Watch out for vacancies on our **advisory groups and committees** and use your skills and experience to help improve our membership and learning offer.
- Join our Board as an appointed trustee and **help deliver CIEH's mission and strategic objectives**.

Where to look for volunteering opportunities?

- CIEH website
- EHN
- Member Connect

“I WOULD LIKE A MORE FORMAL ROLE SUCH AS SERVING ON AN ADVISORY GROUP OR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES”.



If you have any questions about volunteering for CIEH please email us, or call, and we will connect you to the relevant member of staff.

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