**Ways to Connect with Different Education Providers**

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| **Courses** – certain courses require students to complete a minimum number of volunteering hours to complete their course i.e. BA Hons in Youth and Community Work requires you to have 100 hours of volunteering experience to get on to the course and to complete 300 hours of volunteering work to complete the course. Don’t forget postgraduate courses too! |
| **External Websites** – Adverts on do-it.org, Charity Jobs, Gumtree can often attract students. |
| **Fairs** - Freshers Fair (September to October), Re-freshers Fair (January- February), Volunteers Fair (October- December). Mention that Scouting is a Charity and you will often get a free stall. |
| **Projects** – Asking volunteering departments for a group of students to complete a certain task i.e. Campsite Service, Painting Scout Hut, DIY  |
| **Intranet** – Contacting universities to advertise opportunities via the Student Intranet. |
| **Training and support events** – Using student expertise to train volunteers and support events. i.e. Using a student who is studying accountancy to train a Treasurer or audit accounts. Bringing along a photography student to take pictures of an event you are running. |
| **Student Unions** – Linking up with the Student Unions can help advertise any opportunities you wish to promote. |
| **Student Societies** – There are societies for every hobby and interest you may have. Lists of these are often on university websites. It is good to browse these and compare it to the Scout programme. You can then approach various societies to come in a deliver certain badges in the programme. i.e. geocaching society could create a course, share resources and lead a session to your group on geocaching. |
| **Student Volunteering Week** – This is a week along celebration of Students who volunteer. Often this is an opportunity to advertise your opportunities. Furthermore some universities will run fairs in which organisations can come along and run a stall. Student Volunteering Week is usually around February-March time. |
| **Lloyds Scholars or equivalents** - <https://www.lloyds-scholars.com/> - Lloyds Bank partner a number of universities across the country to support Students financially with their studies. As part of this students are required to complete 100 hours of volunteering. Universities often offer something equivalent to this so it is worth researching on university websites to see what alternatives they offer. |
| **Notice Boards** – Advertising on Student Notice boards in halls of residence, Student Union bars and around the campuses. |
| **Welcome Packs** – Students are issued with a welcome pack when they enrol. It is worth asking the admissions team whether you can put a flyer into this pack advertising your opportunities. |
| **Network members** – With Network being led by Districts and students being able to access it from anywhere they are living now makes it is easier to approach networks for support. |
| **Volunteering department** – Each university has a volunteering department. Some are bigger than others but they are often the best team to contact when looking to promote opportunities. |
| **Student radio** – Most universities have a Student Radio Station and you can often contact them to have an interview on the station or ask them to promote your opportunities. |