



Community Action Project

Stall Support

Community Action Partner

United Church of Egham Bookstall

Aim: The United Church of Egham is a local partnership of two mainstream Christian denominations, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church. The Church actively supports local and national charities, including Christian Aid, NCH Action for Children and the Whitechapel Mission for homeless people. The book stall was initially founded in 1991 to help raise funds for their appeal to build a new Church Centre (Pastoral Centre) behind the Church; the fundraising appeal was completed in December 2007 at which time the bookstall had raised nearly £15,000 (in addition to supporting other charities and good causes, including local school fundraising).

Role: Each month the church requires help in areas such as getting books out, sorting in newly received books and sorting out older books for recycling. Being able to sell books and put books away is also required.

Training: No real training is required. There is a set layout used for displaying the books in order to maximise space in the building.

Location: Egham High Street.

Times: Times can vary; dependent upon when the church is available. However Wednesday/Thursday/Friday: 6:30 - 9pm and Saturday Mornings: 8:30am - 2:30pm gives a general idea on when you would be required on a monthly basis.

CRB: A CRB disclosure will not be required.

Other: Whilst we do not pay our volunteers and to-date have not needed to reimburse expenses, we do often reward people for their efforts by letting them borrow or keep some of the books we get in.

Application: All volunteers must be registered as Community Action volunteers. To do so, visit <http://www.rhul.ac.uk/services/volunteering/register.html>

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