Community Partners’ Conference
Wednesday 7 September 2016
Royal Holloway Boilerhouse
Dear Partners,

Our Community Action volunteering programme at Royal Holloway continues to go from strength to strength. Reflecting our involvement in our community, we now have 3,500 student volunteers and more than 250 community partners. During the last year alone, our volunteers have carried out more than 7,000 hours of work in our community. We take great pride in the number of our students involved in volunteering, and our ambition is to see even more involved with community engagement activities as a part of the holistic and well-rounded student experience.

This year we have worked to engage with the wider volunteering community; contributing to networks on social action, and building a relationship with Step Up to Serve. We want to celebrate the achievements of our student volunteers, and we were delighted to be awarded the Times Higher Education Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Local Community this year.

We strongly value and appreciate our network of community partners, who are vital in supporting our students in their efforts to serve local people. This conference is intended to help us help you, to better serve and connect with our network of charities and community organisations who work with Community Action at Royal Holloway.

I hope that this conference will nurture our partnerships and help us prepare for the start of the new academic year, where together we can achieve more than ever.

Principal Paul Layzell

Background

This conference is aimed at serving and better connecting with the network of charities and community organisations that Royal Holloway Community Action is associated. All are welcome to attend, particularly volunteer managers or coordinators, and Chief Executive Officers or Senior Management.

Keynote Speaker

Charlotte Hill
Chief Executive of Step Up To Serve


After the NSPCC, Charlotte moved to Australia and worked for a Government Relations & Communications Consultancy and for a children’s charity in Sydney. She then worked in Cambodia on her way back to the UK, teaching English in an orphanage.

Charlotte is an RSA Fellow, Companion at the CMI, Vice Chair of Whole Education, a trustee of Football League Trust and also a member of the Management Committee of Westminster House Youth Club in her local area. She also sits on the Advisory Panel for both Try for Change and Unleashing Potential.

In 2010 she became Chief Executive of UK Youth. Then in 2012, Charlotte received the award of “Rising CEO Star” at The Charity Times Awards. She joined Step Up To Serve, the independent campaign convened by HRH The Prince of Wales to increase opportunities for young people to get involved in social action, in 2014.

“Young people are a fantastic resource for this country and have so much to contribute. My goal will be to get the active involvement of people across all sectors so that we can get millions more young people making social action a habit for life.”
Programme

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10am  Arrival and registration
10.15am Welcome & introduction by Vice-Principal, Bob O’Keefe
10.30am Session One: keynote speaker – Charlotte Hill, Chief Executive of Step Up To Serve
11.10am Morning Networking Break (Exhibitors Area & Refreshments)
11.30am Session Two: Breakout Sessions
12.30pm Session Three: Panel Discussion with Q&A - ‘Given the current political climate; is the role of the volunteer more important in society?’
1pm Networking Lunch
2pm Session Four: Breakout sessions
3pm Afternoon Networking Break (Exhibitors Area & Refreshments)
3.20pm Session Five: Closing remarks by Vice-Principal, Bob O’Keefe
4pm Close

Breakout session options
(i) The #iwill campaign
(ii) Who is the typical student?
(iii) How to best partner with corporate business
(iv) Celebrating Volunteers
(v) The age of the International Volunteer
(vi) Working with the Students’ Union
(vii) UUK roundtable Youth Action key findings

Exhibitors
Royal Holloway Passport Award, Students’ Union, vInspired award, Voluntary Support North Surrey, Better Volunteering Better Care, #iwill

Contributors

George Fielding #iwill young ambassador
Tom Flynn CEO of Royal Holloway Students’ Union
Pippa Gentry Co-President for Societies & Media of Students’ Union

Johnny Soutan Senior Youth Project Co-ordinator, vInspired
Carmel Khan Programme Manager for British Airways
Bob O’Keefe Vice Principal and Dean of Management, Economics and Law

Luke Russell Community Action Volunteer Coordinator
Solette Sheppardson CEO of Voluntary Support North Surrey

Patrick Smith Student Engagement Manager for Challenges Abroad

Phil Simcock Community Action Volunteer Manager
Sarah Tattam Student Life & Support Manager

Ruth Taylor KickStart Ghana & Better Volunteering Better Care

This event is free to our registered Community Action Partners. Registration for the conference is via an online booking form at royalholloway.ac.uk/CommunityAction
Please book by 1 September 2016.