



Information for Organisations

What is Community Connections?

Community Connections is an exciting new initiative here at Imperial College Union. As the student Union of Imperial College London, we have almost 16,000 students who are members of the Union.

We are looking to increase the number of our members that volunteer by connecting them to a range of volunteering opportunities in the local community and further afield.

What are we looking for?

We are looking to work with:

- ▲ Charities
- ▲ Not-for-profit organisations
- ▲ Voluntary groups
- ▲ Local Authorities
- ▲ Social enterprises

If your organisation falls into one of the above categories and has volunteering opportunities for Imperial College Union members to get involved with across London – then we want to hear from you. We are keen to promote both regularly occurring and mass, one-off volunteering opportunities to our members. For some, volunteering may be something new so mass volunteering can provide a great taster to inspire them to make a difference.

We recognise that for some students busy study schedules will not allow for regular commitments. Therefore, we want to ensure Community Connections has a range of opportunities available to maximise the number of students that can get involved and give back to their community.

How does it work?

There are many ways in which we aim to connect our members to community volunteering opportunities as well as those further afield.

We will advertise our partners' volunteer roles on our website, in fortnightly e-bulletins, through our social media networks and at volunteering events. Our Community Connections webpages will enable students to filter opportunities based on the sector they wish to get involved with and the roles they are interested in so they can be matched to roles best suited to them.

As a Community Connections Partner, your organisation will be invited to attend our annual Volunteer Fair free of charge where you can connect with our members and promote your opportunities to them directly. It is a great way to raise awareness of your organisation and the work that you do.

Why should your organisation get involved?

Community Connections is of equal benefit to your organisation and our members. The students here at Imperial College London are outstanding and have a wide range of skills to offer your organisation. You will be providing the opportunity for personal development, enabling our members to gain new experiences which will enhance and develop their skills and increase their employability. What's more, joining Community Connections is entirely free!

How do you get involved?

The process to get involved is easy. Simply register your organisation online (imperialcollegeunion.org/activities/volunteering/organisation-registration).

Once registered, you will be sent our Partner Agreement to sign and an opportunity form, enabling you to provide us with the information we need to promote your volunteer roles. All that we need from you after this is to keep us updated on any new volunteer roles available or changes to existing roles and monthly feedback on the number of students that have engaged with your organisation.



Should you have any questions please see our Community Connections FAQ's, or contact us by emailing volunteering@imperial.ac.uk.

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