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Young people can find out about volunteering opportunities by visiting

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Befriending and Mentoring Making a Difference



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What is v...?

v is the youth volunteering charity launched in May 2006 whose mission is to inspire a new generation of young volunteers in England aged 16-25.



v is committed to enabling a lasting change in the quality, quantity and diversity of youth volunteering. The aim is to create a culture where it is natural for young people to volunteer, and natural for organisations to support them in doing so, because the benefits of volunteering are widely understood and celebrated.

Young people can find volunteering opportunities by visiting the website portal www.vinspired.com. To find out more visit www.wearev.com.

.....and the Suffolk Education Business Partnership?



Education Business
Partnership
Education Working
hand in hand with business

Suffolk EBP exists to link education, business and the community with a view to raising the aspirations of children and young people enabling them to make a positive contribution and have a good standard of living.

Suffolk EBP uses mentoring to bring business and young people together. The key link between all mentoring programmes managed and coordinated by Suffolk EBP is young people being at the heart of the activity.

Suffolk EBP and v.

The Suffolk EBP has received £286,000 from **v** to get 400 young people to volunteer in projects offering opportunities in mentoring and befriending to help their community.

Our **BeMMaD** team of three staff will work to create opportunities in mentoring and other related activities that enthuse and excite young people. We will work with statutory and voluntary organisations, youth and community groups and individuals to identify the benefits of mentoring for

them and/or the young people they work with. Our target groups include (but are not exclusive to) those who are NEET, disabled, (ex)offenders and those leaving care.

The project will run for three years until March 2011.

What can **BeMMaD** do for young people?

We aim to provide a range of high quality mentoring opportunities that are inclusive and attract a diverse range of young people aged 16-25. We will enable young people to take action on the issues that matter to them by supporting individuals and groups to identify, plan, organise and deliver their own projects.

Young people can view details of current available opportunities or register a general interest in mentoring via the do-it.org.uk website. A member of the **BeMMaD** team will meet with any interested individual and endeavour to provide a suitable opportunity if it does not already exist.

What can **v** do for your organisation?

Recruitment, training and support of the young people are funded through v. Our focus is opportunity and inclusiveness for the young person and those they support.

While the idea of mentoring remains the same, the setting and activity can range greatly; from academic mentoring in primary schools to supporting an (ex)offender. **ANY** skill or experience a young person has can be used to support another individual. Preparation through accredited training and on going support is provided by the **BeMMaD** team over the course of the young persons mentoring role. Opportunities that relate to a mentoring project such as technology, buddying, P.R. and marketing will also be available.

We would like to hear from you if your organisation could use young people as volunteer mentors or have an idea for a mentoring project. If you don't, we would like to hear from you anyway. We will find you a good reason to work with us!