

THE CHARITY SECTOR

Charities (sometimes referred to as the voluntary sector) are a part of the Third sector - part of the economy or society comprising non-governmental and non-profit-making organisations or associations.

As opposed to a private company, they do not exist to make a profit, with their sole mission to provide a service, solve a problem in society or do good.

They are reliant on funding from others, including the government, local authorities, companies and individuals.

There are over 160,000 charities in the UK with a total turnover of approximately £48 billion in 2018; over 800,000 people work in the UK charity sector.

In Sheffield there are over 1000 charities covering a wide range of areas and including well known local charities, such as St Luke's Hospice, the Sheffield Children's hospital and Sheffield Cat Shelter. There are 100s of small charities, often run only by volunteers or one or two paid staff.

Working in the voluntary sector doesn't mean you won't get paid! Charities have paid employees, as well as volunteers, and are always on the look out for skills such as finance, marketing, communications and administration, as well as front line workers. It can be a very rewarding career choice!



ROUTES INTO EMPLOYMENT IN THIS SECTOR

- A lot of people will volunteer with a charity and then see paid employment opportunities at the charity.
- Apprenticeships and traineeships
- Take what you have done in your current job and tailor it to a job in the charity sector
- Transfer your skills in legal; finance and digital to the charity sector
- Internships
- Graduate Programmes

USEFUL SKILLS

- Enthusiasm
- Dedication
- Teamwork
- People Skills
- Listening
- Speaking
- Problem solving
- Administration
- Organisational
- Staying positive
- Leadership

For more information on the essential skills required for work, visit <https://www.skillsbuilder.org/>

USEFUL SUBJECTS

- Any are relevant, but Maths and English are particularly useful!
- Some front line work e.g. animal care or youth work may require specific qualifications



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ABOUT TODAY'S EXHIBITORS

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

Sheffield Wednesday FC Community Programme (SWFCCP) is the football club's charitable arm, established to support the development of cohesive communities around South Yorkshire.

The Community Programme also seeks to increase engagement, training provision and support amongst its residents working across four key themes: Participation, Social Inclusion, Health and Well-Being and Education.

ELEMENT SOCIETY

The Element Society - a Sheffield charity that empowers young people to make a positive change in their lives and their communities.

TYPES OF JOBS AVAILABLE

- Fundraiser
- Legal
- Financial
- Digital
- Management

Front line roles will depend on the individual charity

EMPLOYERS IN THIS SECTOR

- Sheffield Wednesday Community Programme
- Element Society
- Sheffield Children's Hospital
- St Lukes Hospice
- Sheffield Cats Shelter
- Cathedral Archer Project
- Roundabout
- Endeavour

MORE INFORMATION ON THIS SECTOR

<https://www.charityjob.co.uk/>

<https://jobs.theguardian.com/article/why-you-should-work-in-the-charity-sector/>

<https://www.brightnetwork.co.uk/career-path-guides/charity-NGO-social-enterprise/roles-in-charity/>

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