### Recruiting and Retaining

### Volunteers

**CTA Roadshow 2017** 



# Five Ideas to build a volunteering strategy

One: Define what is unique and attractive about your organisation

Two: Build a profile of the sort of volunteers you want to target

Three: Give volunteers clarity and commitment around their roles

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Four: Working in partnership with other organisations.

Five: The importance of making volunteers feel valued

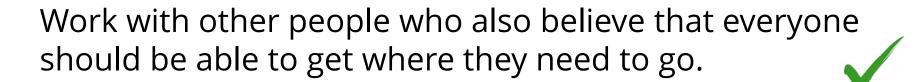
## Idea One: Define what is unique attractive about your organisation.

Come amount us

Be a part of an organisation that makes a difference in your community!

Help us fight loneliness and isolation!

Volunteer for us and help empower local people!



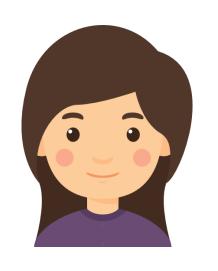
## Idea Two: Build a profile of the volunteers you want to target



- How many volunteers do you need?
- What do you need them to do?
- Where do they live? How old are they?
- What are their hobbies, their likes, dislikes etc.?

Why do they want to volunteer?

## Idea Two: Build a profile of the volunteers you want to target



#### Carol, 21

Student at the local university

Likes working with people

Wants to make a difference in her local

community

Where should you advertise?

What about your outreach resonates?





#### Chris, 60

Recently Retired

Likes being out and about

Wants to carry on being active in retirement

## Idea Three: Give volunteers clarity and consistency



- Do they have a description of the role?
- Do they have clearly defined roles and responsibilities?
- Do they a volunteer co-ordinator



## Idea Four: Working in partnership with other organisations

- Could you swap volunteers with other organisations?
- Could you run joint recruitment campaigns?
- Could you work with local or national businesses?



### Idea Five: Making volunteers feel valued





It's important to say thank you!

Find seven unique ways of thanking some on a year





Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers! Credits in our shop window. @vckirklees @volunteersweek @CTAUK1



### Idea Five: Making volunteers feel valued

Letter from the Chief Executive after their first year of service.

Organising a thank you card from service users

Thank them on social media #charitytuesday

Host a meal for your volunteers

Organise a volunteer awards

Ask them!

You know your volunteers best!