

RUSSELL COMMISSION PUBLIC SECTOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Top line Recommendation	Key actions	Progress
<p>Recommendation 4</p> <p>It should be commonplace for young people to volunteer whilst they are at school, college or in higher education.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A stronger emphasis on volunteering within the citizenship curriculum and training for citizenship teachers • Making the most of the opportunities for volunteers within extended schools, community schools, and their equivalents, providing leadership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Communities in Schools (ACiS) seminars, Know How packs and toolkits • National Peer Mentoring Programme with Mentoring and Befriending Foundation • AimHigher national mentoring scheme • Young Volunteer Challenge Scheme which ran until March 2006 • Created the National Body for Youth Leadership as part of Aiming High strategy hosted by National Youth Agency (NYA) • Goldsmith Review published in March 2008 and led to the Youth Citizenship Commission which made its recommendations in June 2009 • DCSF Community Service in Schools. Pilot programme announced in April 2009 which will provide 14,000 14-16 year olds in schools and 20,000 16-18 year olds through E2E the

		<p>opportunity to be active in their communities</p>
<p>Recommendation 9</p> <p>There is untapped potential for young volunteers to give additional help within the public sector.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government should develop and implement strategies to encourage greater levels of volunteering within public services; • Government should involve young people at the highest level to help establish the types of roles that would appeal to them; • Government should consider the possibility of establishing a series of pilot projects in 2006-07 to examine the most appropriate ways to involve young volunteers and set targets for their involvement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care Services Improvement Partnership (CSIP)/ DH – Time for Health partnership to increase capacity and remove barriers to health volunteering • CLG Beacon Peer Support Fund – OTS supporting youth engagement Beacon Councils to inform, develop or test policy on volunteering in public services. Website available to support councils to introduce volunteering policy hosted by NYA • NOMS young offender peer mentoring programme • Volunteer Ambassador’s work to encourage and promote volunteering in public services. Health and Criminal Justice System reviews completed.
<p>Recommendation 12</p> <p>Young people on benefits, and their families, should not suffer a financial barrier when they volunteer.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A rulebook should be published by the DWP to communicate existing rules more effectively • Government should consider looking at the general Housing Benefit interactions for volunteers within its current review of Housing Benefit as a whole 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide for volunteers and voluntary organisations published in 2006 • DWP officials established clear guidance on housing benefit and interaction for full-time volunteers receiving £60

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chancellor's commitment to look at national insurance credits for volunteers, announced in Budget 2005	<p>allowance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revised guidance to ensure that people on benefits are clear on their right to volunteer published October 2008• DWP volunteering programme which will enable those unemployed for over six months to engage in a formal volunteer brokerage scheme to learn new skills and support communities through volunteering• NMW legislation review
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