

## Member Volunteering

We all know the positive impact that those who volunteer of their time can have on those they support. And we know that the Society sits at the heart of many local communities.

Putting these together, we believe we can offer our members opportunities to volunteer, become involved with and make a difference in the communities where they live and work – what we call ‘member volunteering’.

We want to know what ‘member volunteering’ means to you and what ‘top 5’ opportunities we should concentrate on to bring it all to life.

In short, we are looking for your views to help shape our Member Volunteering Programme.

To whet your appetite, we’ve set out 15 possible volunteering opportunities below.

Come and discuss these during the afternoon and tell us what you think.

- Member Ambassadors – we are looking for members to be ‘ambassadors’ for the Society in community organisations – helping them to run better, advising them on all things co-operative and providing links back into the Society
- Helping our Charity Partner
- Working with our previous Charity Partners to offer a legacy
- Supporting campaigns – for example, carrier bag free day in stores
- Gardening at churches, charities, etc
- Stewarding at local community events
- Painting and decorating – again, at churches, charities, etc
- Princes Trust – helping youngsters with CV writing and job applications for example
- Woodcraft Folk – supporting their camps
- Charity bag packing in the Society’s stores
- Campaigning – for example, attending events like The Wave march in London last year
- Campaigning – for example on Earth Hour
- Recruiting Members for the Society
- Supporting Society Member Events
- Working with Adults with learning disabilities