

In 2018-2019:

56

People currently supported at various stages of finding volunteering opportunities

32

Organisations in our network

63

Events across Sutton, from fairs, to talks, and outreach

Our recently launched Open Doors project has been developed to help hard to reach groups and people with additional needs to overcome those barriers and be able to volunteer. We work specifically with Young People not in Education, Employment or Training (NEETs), Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Women at Risk, Looked After Young People/Care Leavers and Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) groups.

The project also supports and trains organisations to widen their volunteering programmes, providing volunteering opportunities for all.

We are building a network of organisations including:

- **Roles providers** - organisations or groups in need of volunteers and providers of volunteering roles
- **Recruitment partners** - organisations that work with members of the targeted groups, who can refer their clients and potential volunteers
- **Partners with skills** - organisations with skills that will help us share best practice tools among the Voluntary Sector

Our first training was delivered in the form of a workshop, entitled "Developing new and diverse volunteering opportunities".

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Case Study: Young person with anxiety

One of our clients who suffers from anxiety volunteered to cover a Young Commissioners event by creating an advertisement poster and photographing the event.

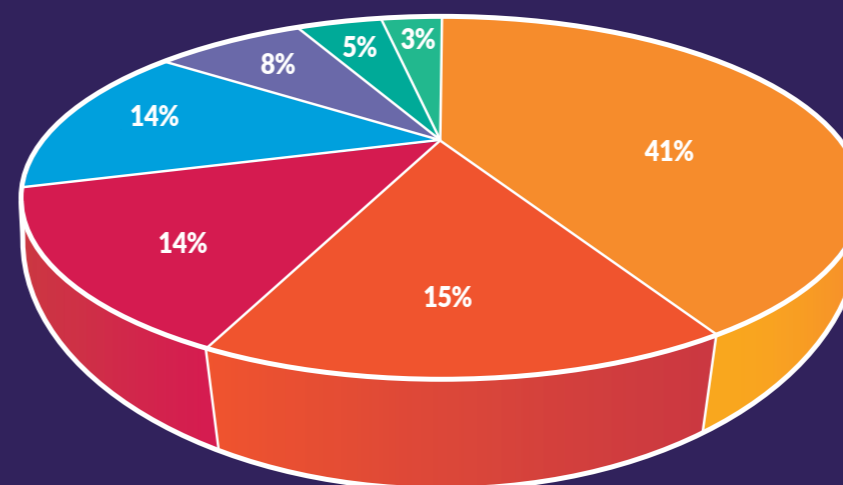
"I was so privileged to have been given the opportunity. It was not only important for me to push myself creatively, but it was also important that I overcome my anxiety. This was really important to me, and I can't thank you enough."



Case Study: Professional woman with English as a second language

One of our volunteers has been living in the UK for around 2 years and her level of English is not yet enough to find work in her professional career's area. One of the reasons she wanted to volunteer was to practice her English and be around people of her adopted community. While we are working on finding volunteering opportunities related to her professional area, she also decided to volunteer doing gardening - something she really enjoys.

"I would like to thank you for your support today. Today was fantastic! I loved the gardening group. I had fun and they were very attentive and helped me, with lots of patience. I will definitely be there next Monday."



Key:

Learning Disabilities	[41%]
Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEETs)	[15%]
Women at Risk	[14%]
Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) groups	[14%]
Disabilities (in general)	[8%]
Looked After Young People/Leaving Care	[5%]
Refugees and Asylum Seekers	[3%]

(55.4% are Female and 44.6% are Male)