

YHA Volunteering

YHA Volunteer Events 2015

About YHA

YHA is a registered UK charity with a clear mission, to inspire all, especially young people, to broaden their horizons gaining knowledge and independence through new experiences of adventure and discovery.

YHA offers affordable accommodation to families, groups and individuals exploring and holidaying in England & Wales.

Introducing Volunteer Events

Volunteer events are a great way to meet new people, gain a sense of achievement through the completion of a practical task and gift your time to help our charity.

With volunteer events, individuals come together as a group to complete a practical task.

Whether it's a garden tidy, painting rooms or giving much loved (and used) hostels a good detailed clean; the choice of where you go and when you go is up to you.

Events last from one day to up to a week and happen across England and Wales throughout the year.

You don't need to be a DIY whizz or a gardening guru to get involved! Although skills are welcomed, what we are looking for are volunteers who are happy to roll up their sleeves and get stuck in.

With some events you will get 'free time' in the day to explore the area, with other events the evenings will be yours to make the most of your new destination.

Volunteer events are a fun way to give your time, with no on-going commitment, which provide valuable CV enhancement to help with further education and employment applications.

Help with Expenses

✓ **Travel costs:** Volunteers are able to receive expense reimbursement to help with travel costs, of £12.50 per day, up to a maximum claim of £55 (when you volunteer for 5-days or longer).

✓ **Free accommodation:** Unless otherwise stated, accommodation is always available to volunteers who are helping on the task without charge.

✓ **Help with food costs:** Volunteers will be able to either self-cater or purchase meals at a reduced rate of £2 per course



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Who can take part?

This opportunity is suitable for volunteers who;

- Are over the age of 17 years
- Are able to undertake a 'hands on' practical tasks
- Enjoy working in a team and helping complete practical tasks



Booking

To book on to an event, please get in touch with the contact listed for that event.

If you would like any further information about volunteering with YHA please contact the volunteering team on volunteers@yha.org.uk or call us on 01629 592 562.

Please read the events listed on the following pages, listed by month to find out about events taking place across the YHA network.



2015 & 2016 Events

October 2015

YHA Llanberis & Idwal Cottage (Gwynedd) 5-8 October

YHA Llanberis stands at the foot of Mount Snowdon, and YHA Idwal Cottage lies in the Ogwen Valley. There is an opportunity to work outside in the lovely extensive hostel grounds of Idwal, and undertake some interior work at Llanberis. To book please contact helenmauricejones@yha.org.uk or call 07779 115 236

YHA Street (Somerset) 5-8 October

This Somerset hostel is seeking help with help on a project. The old managers cottage needs to be stripped of fixtures and fittings to enable it to be used for bathroom facilities for alternative accomodation. Help is also needed with detailed cleaning of hostel areas and a garden tidy. A special thank you meal will be hosted for volunteers. To book please call YHA Cheddar on 01934 742 494 or email street@yha.org.uk

YHA Thurlby (Lincolnshire) 5 – 9 October

YHA Thurlby is a 15th century former village forge with a lovely garden, located in a peaceful spot in the centre of an unspoilt Lincolnshire village. This super small hostel is seeking helpers to paint interior rooms. Accommodation is available to volunteers, and cake will be provided to keep energy levels up! To book please call 01623 825 794 or email sherwoodmanager@yha.org.uk

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YHA Sheringham (Norfolk) 14-18 October

On the Norfolk coast this hostel is a great escape for a few days away from it all. Join a regular group of volunteers to help repaint walls and woodwork. Think 60 minute makeover with plenty of time to do a good job! To find out more, or to book please call Dave Byers (YHA Volunteer) on 01727 836912 or email byegreg@yahoo.co.uk

YHA Kington (Herefordshire) 19-23 October

Help is needed at this lovely small hostel with some green fingered tidying in the garden, as well as deep cleaning internal areas. As a thank you on the rest day a guided walk of Offa's Dyke and the village of Kington will be given, providing a chance to view the stunning marches scenery and learn more about the history of this area. To book please call 07736 890 220 or email leominstermanager@yha.org.uk

November 2015

YHA Wye Valley (Gloucestershire) 2-5 November

Help is needed at this riverside hostel with giving bedrooms and communal areas of this much loved hostel a detailed clean, painting bedrooms and some basic gardening tasks. As a thank you to volunteers for their help, weather permitting, an archery session will be given to volunteers. To book please call 01594 860 300 or email wyevalleydeputy@yha.org.uk

YHA Clun (Herefordshire) 10-13 November

Plenty of tea and cake will be on offer to thank volunteers as they help this lovely small hostel to re-organise its layout, tidy its cupboards and be spruced up with a deep clean! To book please call 01694 771 393 or email wilderhope@yha.org.uk

YHA Dartmoor (Devon) 9-12 November

Located in the heart of Dartmoor, this YHA is seeking help with clearing out and regenerating the onsite garages to make a better use of space for the site. Help is also needed to level an area of land for use as a camping place and a detailed clean of hostel rooms is also on the task list! To book please call 01822 880 227 or email bellevermanager@yha.org.uk

YHA Port Eynon (Swansea) 9-11 November

This seaside hostel is asking for helpers to dismantle bunk beds in three rooms, and give the rooms a fresh lick of paint. As a thank you to volunteers a beach BBQ will be hosted. To book call 01792 391 794 or email porteynonmanager@yha.org.uk

YHA Ambleside (Cumbria) 16 – 20 November

This hostel is centrally located in the town of Ambleside and enjoys a stunning lakeside view. Help is needed at this hostel with a range of tasks including indoor painting and detailed cleaning. To book please email katiesmith@yha.org.uk or call 01629 592 562

YHA Newport (Pembrokeshire) 18-22 November

Join volunteers to undertake a garden tidy, indoor painting and detailed clean at this lovely hostel located in the shadow of the Peseli Hills. To book please call Helen on 07779 115 236 or contact helenmauricejones@yha.org.uk

YHA Buttermere (Cumbria) 23-27 November

This lovely Lakes hostel is seeking help with a garden tidy to cut back overgrown trees and hedges as well as remove brambles. Help is also needed with interior painting and giving the hostel a detailed clean. To book please email katiesmith@yha.org.uk or call 01629 592 562

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YHA Dimmingsdale (Staffordshire) 27-29 November

This secluded woodland hostel is seeking helping hands to help tidy up outdoor areas, give internal areas a detailed clean and make over a tired and uninspiring local information board. To book please call 01335 350 212 or email ilammanager@yha.org.uk

YHA St Briavels Castle (Gloucestershire) 30 November – 3 December

Help is needed at this moated castle with giving bedrooms and communal areas of this much loved hostel a detailed clean, painting bedrooms and basic gardening tasks. As a thank you to volunteers for their help, a tour of the Castle (with full gory and ghostly history) will be given, and if the weather stays dry volunteers will be given a chance to try their hands at archery! To book please call 01594 530272 or email stbriavelsmanager@yha.org.uk

YHA Brighton (Brighton) 30 November – 4 December

With a pier view, this YHA is located in the heart of Brighton a short step from all its famous attractions. Help is needed from volunteers to paint corridors and bedroom areas of this much loved hostel. To book please call 01273 738674 or email brightonmanager@yha.org.uk

December 2015

YHA Ilam Hall (Derbyshire) 7-12 December

This refurbished Victorian mansion is seeking helpers to paint the self-catering kitchen, communal rooms and help with a general winter tidy. To book please call 01335 350 212 or email ilamhallactivities@yha.org.uk

YHA Ennerdale (Cumbria) 1-4 December

Help is needed at this hostel with a range of tasks including gardening, indoor painting and detailed cleaning. To book please email katiesmith@yha.org.uk or call 01629 592 562

YHA Eskdale (Cumbria) 7-11 December

Help is needed at this hostel with a range of tasks including gardening, indoor painting and detailed cleaning. To book please email katiesmith@yha.org.uk or call 01629 592 562

YHA Bath (Somerset) 7-8 December

This Italianate mansion set in private grounds, in the centre of Bath needs help to refresh tired communal areas and bedrooms with a lick of paint! To book please call 01225 465 674 or email bathmanager@yha.org.uk

January 2016

YHA Hawkshead (Cumbria) 4-8 January

With views over Esthwaite Water, this Lakes hostel is seeking volunteers to help with a garden tidy, painting of indoor areas and with deep cleaning. To book please email katiesmith@yha.org.uk or call 01629 592 562

YHA Broad Haven 8-10 January

This seaside hostel is seeking helpers to support with painting tired internal areas, and giving the hostel a spruce up with some deep cleaning. To book please call 01437 781688 or email broadhaven@yha.org.uk

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YHA Snowdon Ranger (Gwynedd) 11-14 January

Enjoy a post-Christmas work out at this stunning welsh hostel. If the weather is dry help is needed to trim hedges, repair fences and plant bulbs. If the weather is wet, help is needed to paint bedrooms and communal areas. As a thank you to volunteers a special group meal will be hosted on the last night. To book please call 01286 650 391 or email snowdonranger@yha.org.uk

YHA Borrowdale (Cumbria) 11-15 January

Help is needed at this hostel with a range of tasks including gardening, indoor painting and detailed cleaning. To book please email katiesmith@yha.org.uk or call 01629 592 562

YHA Manchester 25-29 January

Help is needed at this hostel with a range of tasks including indoor painting and detailed cleaning. To book please email katiesmith@yha.org.uk or call 01629 592 562

YHA London Earls Court (London) 18-22 January

Help is needed from volunteers living locally, as accommodation is not provided. Volunteer support to paint tired corridor areas is required. As a thank you, volunteers will be given a special last day together! To book please call 0207 373 7083 or email earlscourtdeputy@yha.org.uk

YHA Treyarnon Bay (Cornwall) 18-22 January

Help is needed to get this lovely seaside hostel shipshape for 2016! Help is needed to install solar lighting in the garden, paint corridors, communal areas and the much loved (and sea breeze worn) picnic tables and chairs. As a thank you to volunteers, on the last night a special meal will be hosted. To book please call 01841 520 322 or email treyarnon@yha.org.uk

YHA Honister Hause (Cumbria) 18-22 January

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YHA Keswick (Cumbria) 25-29 January

Help is needed at this hostel with a range of tasks including indoor painting and detailed cleaning. To book please email katiesmith@yha.org.uk or call 01629 592 562

YHA Cockermouth (Cumbria) 28-29 November

Often called the gateway to the Lakes, YHA Cockermouth is a converted 17th Century watermill. Help is needed at this hostel with a range of tasks including gardening, indoor painting and detailed cleaning. To book please email katiesmith@yha.org.uk or call 01629 592 562

February 2016

YHA Grasmere (Cumbria) 1-5 February

Help is needed at this hostel with a range of tasks including indoor painting and detailed cleaning. To book please email katiesmith@yha.org.uk or call 01629 592 562

YHA Liverpool (Cumbria) 1-5 February

This city centre hostel is seeking help to deep clean bathrooms, bedrooms and communal areas. As a thank you for their help, volunteers will be given a free day on the Sunday so they can explore the City and its many attractions. To book please email katiesmith@yha.org.uk or call 01629 592 562

YHA Oxford (Oxfordshire) 1-5 February

A short step from the train station, YHA Oxford is the heart of this famous scholarly city. Help is needed to paint corridors and bedrooms of this much loved hostel. To book please call 01865 727 275 or email oxfordmanager@yha.org.uk

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YHA Wilderhope Manor (Shropshire) 3-5 February

This Elizabethan Manor is seeking hands to help blow the dust out the ornate features, and give the manor a good clean for the 2016! Plenty of tea and cakes will be on offer, and as an extra thank you a special meal for volunteers will be provided on the Friday. To book please call 01694 771393 or email wilderhope@yha.org.uk

YHA Windermere (Cumbria) 8-12 February

This lovely Lakes hostel enjoys stunning views and is seeking help with deep cleaning and the painting of corridors and bedrooms. As a thank you for their help, volunteers will be given a special Sunday lunch! To book please email katiesmith@yha.org.uk or call 01629 592 562

YHA Coniston Holly How (Cumbria) 15-21 February

With mountain views this lovely lakes hostel is seeking help with painting the dining room and shower rooms, undertaking a garden tidy and helping to de-clutter sheds and garages. As a thank you for their help, volunteers will be given a special mid-week meal. To book please email katiesmith@yha.org.uk or call 01629 592 562

YHA Langdale (Cumbria) 22-26 February

Help is needed at this hostel with a range of tasks including gardening, indoor painting and detailed cleaning. To book please email katiesmith@yha.org.uk or call 01629 592 562

YHA Wye Valley (Gloucestershire) 22-25 November

Help is needed at this riverside hostel with giving bedrooms and communal areas of this much loved hostel a detailed clean, painting bedrooms and undertaking basic gardening tasks. As a thank you to volunteers for their help, weather permitting, an archery session will be given to volunteers. To book please call 01594 860 300 or email wyevalleydeputy@yha.org.uk

YHA Hawkshead (Cumbria) 29 February-4 March

With views over Esthwaite Water, this Lakes hostel is seeking volunteers to help with a garden tidy, painting of indoor areas and with deep cleaning. To book please email katiesmith@yha.org.uk or call 01629 592 562

YHA Wasdale Hall (Cumbria) 30 February-4 March

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March 2016

YHA Wasdale Hall (Cumbria) 30 February-4 March

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YHA St David's (Pembrokeshire) 10-13 March

Volunteers will be based at YHA St David's, but will have the opportunity to volunteer at YHA St David's and YHA Broadhaven. Help with a garden tidy, painting of indoor areas and with deep cleaning are all needed. To book please call Sue on 07854 984 911 or email a26smack@btinternet.com

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YHA Helvellyn (Cumbria) 14-18 March

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YHA Lands' End (Cornwall) 16-19 March

This coastal hostel is seeking helping hands for a spring garden tidy, tasks include cutting back brambles, hedges and painting external furniture. To book please call 01736 788 437 or email landsend@yha.org.uk

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Don't forget with YHA you can also access help with expenses- making volunteering even easier to do!

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