

Volunteer Position Title: Clothes Swap Volunteer

Team: Sustainable Development Unit

Location: Greenwich Campus

Time Commitment: 6 hours a month

Reports To: Saada Elmi (Sustainability Project Assistant)

Mission Statement:

We are in a climate emergency, and we can no longer ignore the emissions that are produced by new clothes or turn a blind eye to the conditions in which garment workers who make these clothes work in. Every year the UK consumes 2.16 million Tonnes of clothing. Oxfam estimates around 2.4 billion items of clothing are sitting in our wardrobes unused and unloved and an estimated 1 billion items of clothing a year are sent to landfill - that's over 500,000 Tonnes of clothes. By reusing old clothes, we are reducing the amount of waste going to landfill and highlighting the importance of considering how and where our clothes are made. It also helps to save money and lets others get more use out of wearable clothing.

Providing students and staff with the opportunity to swap unwanted clothes, Clothing Swaps aims to:

- Increase participation with circular economy and promote sustainable consumption.
- Highlight the importance of reusing unwanted but usable items.
- Raise awareness of issues around ethical shopping
- Support students and staff in the Cost-of-Living Crisis

Position Summary:

The Clothes Swap Volunteer will play a vital role in the planning and execution of our clothes swap events, aimed at promoting sustainable fashion practices, reducing clothing waste and fostering a circular economy within the university. This volunteer will assist in organising, setting up, and managing the event to ensure it runs smoothly.

Key Responsibilities:

- Assist in event planning, including logistics, budgeting, and promotion.
- Help set up the event space, including arranging the clothes, laying out the tables and keeping everything organised.
- Greet event attendees and explain the clothing swap rules and guidelines.
- Accept and organise clothing brought in by participants.
- Keeping track of who has donated what and what they have donated.
- Creating content to raise awareness of the event engage with students over various forms of social media.
- Assist in collecting feedback after the event has taken place.

Skills & Abilities:

- Strong organisational skills
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work collaboratively as part of a team.
- Enthusiasm for sustainable fashion
- Attention to detail.

Training & Orientation:

Volunteers will receive an introduction session to discuss the event logistics and management, as well as receive additional optional one-off CV skills-based training sessions. This optional CV skills workshop is to help write up about the skills learned in this position and how it can be applied to future job applications.

Benefits:

- Contribute to a sustainable university initiative and community-building event.
- Gain event planning and coordination experience
- Increase client-facing and customer service experience.
- Work collaboratively within a team and connect with like-minded individuals interested in sustainability.

How to Apply

Please email your interest for this position to sustainability@gre.ac.uk and we will be in contact with you as soon as possible.