The Psychology Employability Programme is an innovative scheme that is unique to Lancaster University. We are developing partnerships with local and national organisations to provide current Psychology undergraduate students with volunteering opportunities, offering companies the opportunity to work with skilled and enthusiastic volunteers. The organisations involved will benefit from having dedicated volunteers on hand to assist in their given role. Last year we placed 53 students with 23 hosts in a variety of roles including research assistants, befrienders, support facilitators and mentors, and endeavour to expand this further.

Why get involved?

1. Have access to a regular supply of enthusiastic volunteers to assist you
2. Get to know your local university and students, and expand your network of contacts, allowing you to continually recruit new volunteers
3. Gain extra support for your particular client group
4. Make a difference to student's career prospects

Skills set

- Psychology students studying at a top 10 university
- Ability to work in a team and independently
- Analytical skills
- Communication skills
- New ideas
- IT skills
- Listening skills
- Quick thinking

Why organisations working with us think you should get involved

"They were an asset to the project and I am delighted to have been able to provide constructive support and experience to them in return." Dr Laura Hobbs, Science Hunters Outreach Coordinator, Science Hunters.

"I have been impressed by the way that Peer Mentors have supported each other through problem solving and by their general commitment, enthusiasm and professionalism." Catherine Westwell, Student Transition Officer, Lancaster University Disability Service.

Partners include:

- Age UK
- The National Autistic Society
- Making Space
- Shelter
- Lancaster University Researchers
- Alzheimer's society
- Neuro Drop-In

To get involved:

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