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Top tips for volunteering at major sporting events

StreetGames supports Locally Trusted Organisations (LTOs) to provide high quality sports provision for young people from low income and underserved communities (we call this Doorstep Sport). Through these activities LTOs build the skills and confidence of young people and some of them go on to volunteer formally, or informally, with these LTOs and StreetGames. This volunteering takes many forms – the impact it has on young people depends on their experience.

This document provides some key information around supporting young people from underserved communities into volunteering at events. We have developed a top tips guide of things to consider when designing volunteering opportunities to make them accessible to all young people.

You can find more information here:
[StreetGames lessons of volunteering](#)



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Ensure there is advanced planning time, enabling effective recruitment and communication with young people



Support young people on every step of the process, including during the event

Is the offer attractive & exciting, including being close to the action?



Have you considered if the event is financially accessible & inclusive for all?



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Transport & Accommodation



Things to consider:

- Is transport provided to and from the event. If yes, is this booked by the event provider, or reimbursed?
- Is free parking available and can the volunteer claim mileage expenses for attending?
- If the opportunity is over multiple days, is accommodation provided? If yes, is this booked by the event provider, or reimbursed?



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Kit & Equipment



Things to consider:

- What clothing is provided for the volunteer?
- If a t-shirt is provided, can a long sleeved option be provided?
- Are there any other specialist clothing requirements – e.g. non-marking trainers? If yes, are they provided?
- If the opportunity is outdoors, is a warm/waterproof coat provided?



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Food & Drink



Things to consider:

- Is food and drink provided throughout the event, depending on the length?
- Is a reusable water bottle provided and facilities to keep it topped up?



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Training & CPD



Things to consider:

- What is the requirement for pre-event training and upskilling? Is this in person or online?
- If this is in person, is transport provided?
- Is this an attractive offer for young people?
- What support pre- and post-event do you need to consider?