

For more information you can:

Visit our website www.havco.org.uk/volunteering

View opportunities and register online via www.do-it.org.uk

E mail volunteering@havco.org.uk putting in subject line whether you are a 'volunteer' or 'organisation'. Please remember to include your telephone contact and address details in the message if you want us to call or send information by post.

Our location, postal and telephone contact details are:

Havco Volunteer Centre Havering
Community House
19/21 Eastern Road
Romford
Essex
RM1 3NH

Tel: 01708 742881

Opening Hours:
Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

We can offer 1:1 confidential volunteer meetings Tues days and Fridays between 10am & 3pm by appointment.



Supporting Development of Volunteering

General Information Leaflet
July 2011



Havering Association of Voluntary and Community Organisations (Havco) is the local Council for Voluntary Services and has a membership of 400 organisations. Havco exists to support, promote and empower the voluntary and community sector in Havering.

Havco Volunteer Centre Havering is the local volunteer development agency for the London Borough of Havering. Volunteer Centres are locally based organisations that work to increase the number of volunteers and volunteering opportunities in their locality and to ensure a quality experience for volunteers as well as volunteer involving organisations.

We work with local voluntary, community, private and public organisations and have networking links to Volunteering England and Greater London Volunteering GLV the national and regional volunteering bodies.

The Volunteer Centre has six core functions that enable the co-ordination of volunteer development in line with Volunteer England's Volunteer Quality Accreditation standards. The centre team also engages in other regeneration and community based projects that promote active citizenship.

The volunteer centre six core functions are:

Brokerage

- A free service recruiting and matching individuals interested in volunteering to appropriate opportunities with local organisations in the voluntary, community, public and private sector.

Promotion and marketing of volunteering

- The centre promotes and markets volunteering to the public through local events and advertising in local media.

Good practice development

- We provide free and independent information, advice and training to volunteers, prospective volunteers and volunteer involving organisations.
- We provide access to resources to help groups manage their volunteers.
- We facilitate a Volunteer Managers Network where managers can learn from each other, share best practice and develop shared resources.

Developing volunteering opportunities

- Working with volunteer involving organisations in the borough to help them develop their volunteer programmes and opportunities.

Policy response and campaigning

- We take part in local, regional and national campaigns on issues affecting volunteering including Volunteers Week and Make a Difference Day.

Strategic development of volunteering

- We work with local public bodies, contributing to strategic plans and initiatives with the aim of increasing community participation within the borough.