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"Through volunteering, my self-esteem, confidence, social skills, work skills and employability levels have increased. I have volunteered for over 130 hours in a gardening project and I've loved every minute. I'm now starting a small garden maintenance business."

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Volunteering while job seeking

Volunteering can make you
a winner in the jobs market

Supporting voluntary
activity across South
Northamptonshire

Bosses believe volunteers have better social skills, are good team players, harder working and self-motivated than other applicants

Get the most out of your volunteering

Research has shown that people who volunteer can enjoy a massive advantage in the job market

Studies show that upto 80% of employers are more likely to hire an applicant with volunteering experience.

An enhanced ability to get on with people from all walks of life, experience of different organisations, and doing something positive are all cited as reasons why volunteers particularly impress employers.

Many bosses consider volunteers to be better quality job candidates. Three quarters of hirers say given the choice between two identical candidates, they would select the person with a track record of giving their time for free.

Does volunteering affect your benefits?

Volunteering shouldn't affect your right to benefits. As long as the only money you receive is to cover your volunteering expenses, such as travel.

There are no limits on the amount of time you can volunteer for, as long as you continue to meet the conditions of the benefit or tax credit you are receiving.

For example, if you receive Jobseekers Allowance you must:

- still be actively seeking a full-time job
- able to go to job interviews at 48 hours' notice
- be available to work at one week's notice

It is always advisable to discuss your choice of voluntary work with your personal benefits adviser, Job Centre Plus advisor or contact the Jobs & Benefits / Social Security office that pays your benefit, before you start.

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