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Student Volunteering  
& Outreach



# *Project Catalogue*

## *2020-21*

Join Durham's largest, student-led,  
community-focused volunteering organisation



# Welcome to DUSVO

## We're excited to meet you!

Welcome (or welcome back) to Durham! The Durham experience provides you with many opportunities to try something new, step out of your comfort zone, pursue your passions, meet new people, develop your skillset or just have fun — **and volunteering is no exception.**

Durham University Student Volunteering and Outreach (DUSVO) is the home of student-led, community-focused volunteering at Durham University. We have been volunteering since 1989 and are a trusted, reliable organisation with roots deep in the community. As a result, we're now pretty big too! We have over 40 projects on offer which are divided into our 3 project streams:

- **Educational**
- **Social Inclusion**
- **Environmental**

Within these, there are projects to suit all interests and personal needs: from dog-walking, to tutoring local school children, to helping older people learn basic computer and internet-based skills. The best thing about DUSVO is that it is **student-led**; if you don't see a project that you're interested in, you can set up your own!

On top of the volunteering you can get involved in — as little or as often as you like — DUSVO has a jam-packed and varied social calendar for volunteers to take their pick from. Whether an informal fancy dress social is where you want to spend your Wednesday night, or keeping it more relaxed spending your Sunday at a fundraising cake morning, we cater for all schedules and tastes. We always round off each year of successful volunteering with our annual Durham University Volunteer Awards, free for all volunteers to attend, to recognise the positive impact you have made on the local community. This year, things may look a bit different (e.g. more virtual), but we're well-prepared to adapt to any changes.

Being a part of DUSVO can be as much of your Durham experience as you want it to be — whether volunteering is *your thing*, or just something you'd like to dip into every now and again, it is always great to get involved, and **we are always happy to have you.**

So, have a flick through our Project Catalogue, check out our social media and come join us!



**The PDF version of this project catalogue with direct links to websites and emails is downloadable from our website.**

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# The People Pages

## *Student Exec*



**Lijie Dong (President)**  
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Lijie chairs the DUSVO Student Executive Committee and is responsible for the overall running of DUSVO. She is the face of DUSVO both within the University and externally to funders and the local community.



**Jenny Teoh (Vice President)**  
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Jenny is responsible for DUSVO's publicity so if you have any questions about advertising or branding (for events, projects, and DUSVO in general), feel free to ask. Also, if you can't contact Lijie, contact Jenny.



**Emily Gibbins (Educational Chair)**  
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Emily is responsible for overseeing DUSVO's longstanding educational projects, so get in touch with her for any information on tutoring, teaching or volunteering in schools.



**Daisy Robinson (Social Inclusion Chair)**  
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Daisy oversees DUSVO's projects which support social inclusion and community wellbeing. For exciting opportunities to help people feel part of the local community, contact Daisy!



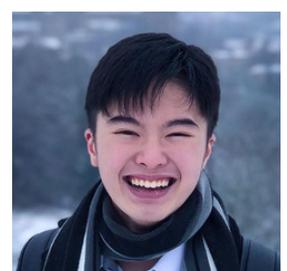
**Tatyana Wu (Environmental Chair)**  
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Tatyana is responsible for expanding volunteering opportunities focusing on the environment and conservation in the local area. Feel free to approach her about anything environmental-related.



**Kai Wang (Events Coordinator)**  
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Kai coordinates our amazing events schedule, which includes socials and the annual Durham University Volunteer Awards! He co-leads our Events & Fundraising Committee with Izzy.



**Izzy Ingram (Fundraising Officer)**  
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Izzy is in charge of DUSVO's fundraising events on and around Durham campus. She co-leads the Events & Fundraising Committee with Kai to increase DUSVO's publicity exposure and raise money for its projects.



# Full-Time Staff



## Award-Winning Volunteering

The DUSVO Staff Team supports the Student Executive Committee in making volunteering the best it can be at Durham. We are a friendly and approachable team and are here to support you throughout your volunteer journey.

We are based in **PC012**, Palatine Centre, DH1 3LE, from Monday to Friday 09:00—17:00. Our office email is [student.volunteering@durham.ac.uk](mailto:student.volunteering@durham.ac.uk).



We are extremely proud to have held the Investing in Volunteers quality standard from the National Council for Voluntary Organisations since 2012, the gold standard for organisations who work with volunteers. In 2020, DUSVO was also honoured with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award in the UK for community volunteering.

**Katie Binks**  
(Student Volunteering and Community Partnerships  
Manager, and Child Safeguarding Officer)  
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As manager of student volunteering, Katie's role is to ensure the safety and governance of all student volunteering projects and related community partnerships within the University. She is also the Child Safeguarding lead for Experience Durham.

**Jackie Lowes**  
(Student Volunteering and Community Partnerships  
Assistant Manager,  
and Adult Safeguarding Officer)  
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Jackie is our chief finance officer who oversees the budget and manages all grant applications, as well as our designated Adult Safeguarding officer. She also oversees our Community Sports Programme.

**Phil Hancock**  
(Student Volunteering Development Officer)  
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Phil is our College volunteering coordinator, and lead staff member for the DBS certificate processing process that some volunteering projects will require (see page 13).

**Si Culley**  
(Student Volunteering Facilitator)  
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Si will be the key contact for our Project Leaders and Exec. He will be sending out your weekly volunteering newsletters and providing Upshot support.

# Educational Projects



## 1-1 Tutoring

tutoring.dusvo@durham.ac.uk (Beatrix & Ethan)



One-to-One Tutoring pairs student volunteers with pupils from local schools for one-hour weekly tutoring sessions, to enhance pupils' academic development, grades, aspirations and confidence.

## Keenan House Homework Club

keenan.dusvo@durham.ac.uk (Dia)



An after-school homework club that helps 5-12 year old children, from diverse international backgrounds based in Durham University family accommodation, with their school work and recreational craft activities.

## Code Club

codeclub.dusvo@durham.ac.uk (Krystian)



Volunteers help to run an after-school club in local primary schools to introduce children to digital skills and develop their interests. Prior coding experience is not required of volunteers as training is available.

## Learn with Us Summer Camp

learn.with.us@outlook.com (Jude)



In partnership with Laidlaw Schools Trust, we produce fun and high-quality educational videos and content for children in the North East to continue enjoying learning over summer.

## Creche Club

creche.dusvo@durham.ac.uk (Lowri)



Based in Durham city, crèche volunteers support staff at a local nursery in the care-taking of 0-5 year old children, helping to carry out activities and games.

## Maths Club

mathsclub.dusvo@durham.ac.uk (Ryan & Yujin)



A rewarding volunteering experience that aims to help primary school children in the local area develop their skills and have fun with maths through puzzles and games.

## Cyber Champions

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Volunteers work in partnership with Cyber Champions, an established not-for-profit organisation which delivers digital literacy and e-safety workshops to school pupils.

## Medieval and Early Modern World in Schools

medievaledu.dusvo@durham.ac.uk (Emma & Hope)



Volunteers assist in bringing medieval and early modern world studies into local schools in a fun, interdisciplinary and accessible manner.

## Further Maths Club

furthermaths.dusvo@durham.ac.uk (Alex)



An exciting and worthwhile project with visible results that allows volunteers to support A-Level students to develop their maths skills and abilities.

## Modern Foreign Languages Club (Primary & Secondary)

languages.club@durham.ac.uk (Jemima & Tabitha)



Volunteers help local primary and secondary pupils develop their speaking skills, confidence, and love of languages. MFL like Spanish, German and French are often high in demand.



## Project Access International

rebecca.litvack@projectaccess.org (Rebecca) 

This project matches students with sixth form and college age pupils to provide mentorship services. It primarily targets working class and minority pupils who require assistance in accessing higher education.

## Sixth Form Tutoring

sixthform.dusvo@durham.ac.uk (Adam)

This project involves volunteers tutoring sixth form students in their chosen subject, and offering UCAS support and guidance at Durham Sixth Form College.

## Project Attainment

attainment.dusvo@durham.ac.uk (Kit) 

An online tutoring and mentoring programme for secondary school pupils who need additional academic support outside the classroom and may not otherwise be able to access this

## SlipStream Education

adele.parry@projectaccess.org (Del) 

*(Previously Project Access)* This project matches volunteers with pupils from working-class and low-progression areas to help them succeed in university applications and boost their confidence. Mentoring is flexible over video calls.

## Scholars Into School

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International students go into schools to teach primary and secondary students about countries outside of their borders, promoting mutual respect and acceptance of different cultures and faiths.

## Students 4 Students

chair.durham@students4students.org.uk (Tierney) 

Committed to integrating communities and inspiring children, Students4Students is a charity which runs one-to-one tutoring sessions in English and Maths in local primary schools.

## Science Club

scienceclub.dusvo@durham.ac.uk (Emily)

A project aiming to remove the “boring” stigma around STEM subjects by running Science Fairs in local schools — volunteers demonstrate experiments to educate children on the concepts behind them.

## Voiceit Debating

voiceit.dusvo@durham.ac.uk (Carina & Louise) 

Voiceit runs a free debating programme in schools across County Durham. It aims to promote confidence in public speaking and to provide a structured debating format for school pupils to channel their ideas and opinions into.

# Social Inclusion Projects



## Beyond Boundaries

beyondboundaries.dusvo@durham.ac.uk (Jessica)



Volunteers support adults living with learning disabilities through conservation work at Fowl Green Farm to help their confidence and practical skills.

## Dog Walking

dogwalking.dusvo@durham.ac.uk (Chloe & Rohini)



Volunteers support Stray Aid kennels with the walking, socialising and upkeeping of the dogs on a regular basis.

## CATSS (Primary & Secondary)

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catss.secondary@durham.ac.uk (Ben, Elle, Romain, & Silvia)



Children Achieving Through Student Support runs fun day trips and an Easter residential trip for hard-to-reach children aged 7-11 (Primary) and 11-13 (Secondary).

## Durham for Refugees Kids Club

dfr.kidsclub@durham.ac.uk (Alice)



Working with City of Sanctuary, this project is a weekly youth club run for refugee children and local children to play, make friends and integrate into their new local community.

## Community Wellness

community.wellness@durham.ac.uk (Sophie)

Volunteers assist with planning and delivering gym-based and outdoor multi-sport sessions at Waddington Centre, engaging diverse community members in varying levels of physical activity.

## Durham Minds

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Durham Minds provides inclusive support to individuals with mental health issues through practical, fun activities including art therapy. Local partners include Waddington Street Centre, RT Projects and St. Margaret's Centre.

## Computeas

computeas.dusvo@durham.ac.uk (Antony & Dorothy)

Volunteers help older people in Durham to learn basic computer and internet skills in a relaxed, friendly environment. The content of the programme is flexible, decided by the volunteers and participants together.

## Elderly Tea Parties

teaparties.dusvo@durham.ac.uk (Anna)



Tea parties are hosted every two weeks in St. Oswald's Church Hall (near the Science Site) for tea, cake, a chat and some entertainment with Durham residents aged 55 and over.

## DASH

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Durham Action on Single Housing is a local charity that provides accommodation and support to people who are homeless or facing homelessness, in particular, women at risk.

## English Corner

englishcorner.dusvo@durham.ac.uk (Rebecca)



English Corner offers a place for international students to meet up with fluent English-speaking volunteers to make friends, have fun and learn about one another's cultures whilst improving their confidence in English.



## Free Cakes for Kids

[cakesforkids.dusvo@durham.ac.uk](mailto:cakesforkids.dusvo@durham.ac.uk) (Chloe & Katie)



A community service which organises bake sales and bakes birthday cakes for families who find it difficult to provide one for their child. Our volunteers bake and decorate a cake in line with the child's favourite theme.

## Otters Swim Club

[otter.club@durham.ac.uk](mailto:otter.club@durham.ac.uk) (Emma)



This project provides swimming lessons to adults and children with various mobility and learning difficulties.

## Generations Together

[generations.dusvo@durham.ac.uk](mailto:generations.dusvo@durham.ac.uk) (Alice, Cat, & Wendy)



2-3 volunteers are paired up with an elderly resident for weekly companionship in-person or over the phone, with the aim of alleviating loneliness and isolation.

## Participation Football

[participation.football@durham.ac.uk](mailto:participation.football@durham.ac.uk) (Matthew)



A recreational football programme for individuals with mental health issues, those part of the recovery and/or probation community, and players who have enjoyed football through adult life but are now facing health problems.

## Girls Friendly Society

[girlsfriendly.society@durham.ac.uk](mailto:girlsfriendly.society@durham.ac.uk) (Daisy)



This society aims to support girls and young women in a safe, single gender, non-judgmental environment to build healthy life skills, confidence, resilience, wellbeing as well as support networks and friendships.

## Riding for the Disabled

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The RDA project runs a weekly trip to Washington Riding Centre, a local specialist centre which provides therapeutic lessons for horse riders with disabilities.

## Hospice Outreach

[hospice.dusvo@durham.ac.uk](mailto:hospice.dusvo@durham.ac.uk) (Elyssa & Emily)



This new project enables students to provide support to local hospices and comfort to patients with life-limiting illnesses. It offers a range of volunteering opportunities to suit different interests and schedules.

## Teesdale Lunch Clubs

[teesdale.lunchclub@durham.ac.uk](mailto:teesdale.lunchclub@durham.ac.uk) (Eugie)

Weekly clubs that meet during lunch hours across Teesdale, engaging in varied activities, such as entertainments, information sessions and gentle exercise sessions, usually after lunch.

## Once a Month

[onceamonth.dusvo@durham.ac.uk](mailto:onceamonth.dusvo@durham.ac.uk) (Lydia & Lucie)



Once a Month is a student-led volunteer project that aims to fight against period poverty in the local North-East area. It is affiliated with the project branch at the University of Manchester.

## Youth Club

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Volunteers work alongside staff at Auckland Youth & Community Centre to deliver youth club activities to local children in a deprived area of Bishop Auckland.

# Environmental Projects



## Beyond Food

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Volunteers work alongside the Trussell Trust's Durham food bank to provide food parcels for disadvantaged families in County Durham.

## Hedgehog Friendly Durham

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Hedgehog Friendly Durham aims to achieve the British Hedgehog Preservation Society 'Hedgehog Friendly University' accreditation, beginning with Bronze, Silver to Gold.

## Feeding Families

feeding.families@durham.ac.uk (Wai Ling)



Feeding Families works with disadvantaged families in the North East, providing them with Christmas food hampers. Volunteers will establish collection points, run fundraising events and of course, pack hampers.

## Project Soup

project.soup@durham.ac.uk (Naomi)



Project SOUP enables people to support local projects via a simple, democratic vote over a delicious dinner, made from surplus food.

## Gardening Project

gardening.dusvo@durham.ac.uk (Megan)

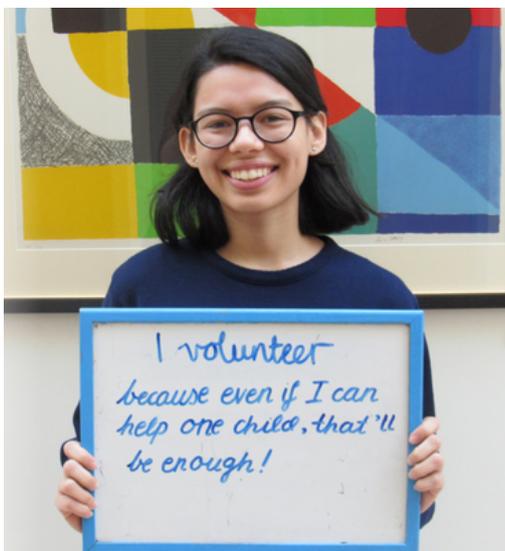
A project to bring volunteers to community gardens in Durham and work with locals to make Durham greener and prettier.

## School Environment Club

environmentclub.dusvo@durham.ac.uk (Anne)



Partnering with local schools, this project aims to educate school children about environmental awareness and sustainable practices, inspiring creative approaches to protect the environment.



Don't see a project you like?

Have a project idea in mind?

Please feel free to propose a new project idea by emailing [student.volunteering@durham.ac.uk](mailto:student.volunteering@durham.ac.uk).

We're always welcome to new projects!

# Other Opportunities



## Team Durham Junior Programmes

teamdurham.community@durham.ac.uk



Various opportunities to work with young people, from sports sessions delivered by student coaches to after-school clubs, or working with local school children with behavioural difficulties.

## Team Durham Holiday Camps

teamdurham.holidaycamps@durham.ac.uk



A great opportunity for dynamic and enthusiastic students to provide exciting activities for local youth aged 4-18 years old. This project is ideal for anyone looking for extra experience working with children in a fun and lively environment.

## Theatre Volunteering

theatre.coordinator@durham.ac.uk

Durham Student Theatre runs some volunteering projects for theatre enthusiasts, such as Off The Page and West Rainton Primary School Drama. Please contact them via the email provided above for more details.

## Elderly Tea Parties Musicians

music.coordinator@durham.ac.uk

Interested in playing at tea parties for over 55's? We want to make sure that everyone in Durham can listen to great music. If you or your ensemble are interested in providing some entertainment, then drop us a line!

## Durham Inspired Award

durham.inspired@durham.ac.uk

The Durham Inspired Award is optional and available to any full time or part time undergraduate student with two years left on their degree programme.

You can undertake the Award through your College, the Students' Union or Experience Durham — or a combination of all three!

The Award has 3 zones: THINK, ACT, GROW

Any volunteering you do whilst here at Durham can count towards completing the ACT zone.

Please visit the Durham Inspired website ([www.dur.ac.uk/inspired-award](http://www.dur.ac.uk/inspired-award)) for more details, or get in touch via email.

## Volunteer Zambia

katie.binks@durham.ac.uk

Every year, a number of Durham University students fundraise and travel to Zambia for six weeks over the summer to deliver sport and performing arts activities in Livingston and Lusaka.

Students and young Zambians work side-by-side, creating opportunities to develop new and existing skills, exchange knowledge and undertake new experiences beyond those that university alone can provide.

This opportunity is provided in partnership with Sport in Action.

For more information, please contact Katie.

# Projects' Social Media



Any project marked with this symbol has their individual social media pages, which you can follow for more updates (the text is hyperlinked!) Projects are listed in alphabetical order. This list was last updated on **17 September 2020**.



## Project Name

Project Name	Facebook	Instagram	Twitter
 <b>Beyond Boundaries</b>	<a href="#">@Beyond Boundaries 2020/21</a>		
 <b>Beyond Food</b>	<a href="#">@beyondfood.dusvo</a>	<a href="#">@beyondfood.dusvo</a>	
 <b>CATSS (Primary &amp; Secondary)</b>	<a href="#">@catsprimary/</a> <a href="#">@catssecondary</a> , <a href="#">@catss_durhamuniversity</a>		
 <b>Code Club</b>	<a href="#">@DurhamCodeClub</a>		
 <b>DASH</b>	<a href="#">@DASHorganisation</a>	<a href="#">@dashorg</a>	
 <b>Dog Walking</b>	<a href="#">@Durham U Kennel Walking</a>	<a href="#">@dudogwalking</a>	
 <b>Durham Minds</b>	<a href="#">@DurhamMinds</a>		
 <b>Elderly Tea Parties</b>	<a href="#">@Durham U Elderly Tea Parties</a>		
 <b>English Corner</b>	<a href="#">@English Corner</a>		
 <b>Feeding Families</b>	<a href="#">@UKfeedingfamilies</a>	<a href="#">@feedingfamiliesuk</a>	Twitter <a href="#">@feedingfamilie1</a>
 <b>Free Cakes for Kids</b>	<a href="#">@dusvofreecakesforkids</a>	<a href="#">@dusvofreecakesforkids</a>	
 <b>Generations Together</b>		<a href="#">@generations.dusvo</a>	
 <b>Hedgehog Friendly Durham</b>	<a href="#">@Hogfriendly.dur</a>	<a href="#">@hogfriendly.dur</a>	Twitter <a href="#">@Hogfriendly_dur</a>
 <b>Hospice Outreach</b>	<a href="#">@DurhamUniHospiceOutreach</a>		
 <b>Keenan House Homework Club</b>	<a href="#">@duKeenanHouse</a>	<a href="#">@keenan_house.dur</a>	
 <b>Learn with Us Summer Camp</b>	<a href="#">@LearnWithUsSummerCamp</a>	<a href="#">@learn_with_us_summer_camp</a>	YouTube <a href="#">Channel</a>
 <b>MFL Club (Primary &amp; Secondary)</b>	<a href="#">@dusvolanguagesclub</a>		
 <b>Once a Month</b>		<a href="#">@du_oam</a>	
 <b>Participation Football</b>	<a href="#">@ParticipationFootball2021</a>		
 <b>Project Access International</b>	<a href="#">@projectaccess.intl</a>	<a href="#">@projectaccess.intl</a>	Twitter <a href="#">@projectaccess</a>
 <b>Project Attainment</b>	<a href="#">@Project Attainment</a>	<a href="#">@PAttainment</a>	
 <b>Project Soup</b>	<a href="#">@Project Soup Durham</a>	<a href="#">@scholars_into_schools</a>	
 <b>Scholars into Schools</b>	<a href="#">@Scholars Into Schools</a>		Twitter <a href="#">@IntoSchools</a>
 <b>Slipstream Education</b>	<a href="#">@ProjectAccessUK</a>		
 <b>Students4Students</b>	<a href="#">@S4SDurham</a>	<a href="#">@students4students1</a>	
 <b>Voiceit Debating</b>	<a href="#">@voiceitoracy</a>	<a href="#">@voiceitdurham</a>	

## (1) Reach out to Project Leaders

Express your interest in volunteering for a project by emailing the project leaders or indicating your interest at the Fresher's Fair. You do not have to commit at this stage.

If you do commit, any project marked with the following symbol (  ) will require a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certificate before you can begin volunteering. The Project Leaders will advise you on the online (free) procedure and training requirements.

## (2) Attend a Volunteer Induction

Volunteer inductions will start in the weeks immediately following the Fresher's Fair. All new volunteers must attend an induction before they start volunteering. The first week of induction sessions and their links are detailed below. We run inductions throughout the year. For details of future sessions, please refer to our Facebook ([@DUVolunteering](#)) or website ([scadurham.org.uk](http://scadurham.org.uk)).

**Online Zoom Session: 5 October 2020 (Mon) 19:30-20:30**

**Online Zoom Session: 6 October 2020 (Tue) 19:30-20:30**

**Online Zoom Session: 7 October 2020 (Wed) 19:30-20:30**

**Online Zoom Session: 8 October 2020 (Thu) 19:30-20:30**

## (3) Register on our Volunteering Database

Volunteers must be registered on our volunteering database to be insured. Registration is done on Upshot ([app.upshot.org.uk/signup/570184b3](http://app.upshot.org.uk/signup/570184b3)).

## (4) Subscribe to our Volunteering Newsletter

Besides Facebook and Instagram, the best way to stay updated on volunteering at Durham is to subscribe to our weekly newsletter email, which details the latest project vacancies, one-off events, and more. You can subscribe by emailing [optin.dusvo@durham.ac.uk](mailto:optin.dusvo@durham.ac.uk), and opt-out anytime by emailing [student.volunteering@durham.ac.uk](mailto:student.volunteering@durham.ac.uk).





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