



# HOW TO VOLUNTEER AT BIRMINGHAM 2022

Applications to volunteer at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games open on 1 June 2021. We're looking for 13,000 spirited, dedicated and dynamic volunteers to join the Commonwealth Collective, be the heartbeat of the Games and help us deliver the biggest sporting and cultural event the West Midlands has ever seen.

If you'd like to apply, here's a bit more information to get started. There's plenty more information at our website to guide you through the process, too; visit [www.birmingham2022.com/volunteering](http://www.birmingham2022.com/volunteering)

## How do I apply to be a volunteer?

To become a volunteer and join the Commonwealth Collective, first you need to fill in an application form by visiting [www.birmingham2022.com/volunteering](http://www.birmingham2022.com/volunteering)

The process will take about 20 minutes. We'll need your personal details and some ID, and you'll be able to tell us more about your role preferences, and any skills or qualifications you have, although you don't need any formal experience to apply.

To volunteer, you must be 18 years old on 1 January 2022, be able to speak and read English or communicate using British Sign Language (BSL), be eligible to volunteer in the UK and available for the duration of the Games from 28 July to 8 August 2022.

## What kind of people are you looking for to volunteer?

Everyone is welcome to volunteer at Birmingham 2022 and join the Commonwealth Collective. All you need is the positivity, enthusiasm and dedication to help us deliver a Commonwealth Games to remember.

Whether you've never volunteered before, or have specific skills and years of experience, there is an opportunity for everyone, and we'll provide all the training you need to prepare you for this once-in-a-lifetime chance.

We want our Commonwealth Collective volunteers to represent the vibrancy and diversity of Birmingham, the West Midlands and the modern Commonwealth.

## What kind of volunteer roles are available?

Volunteers will be right at the heart of the Games. You could be meeting, greeting and giving directions to spectators, officials and athletes, setting up our venues to get them Games-ready, or supervising media interview areas. We also need drivers to make sure our Games family get where they need to be, when they need to be there.

Most opportunities are general roles that don't require formal qualifications, but we are also looking for specialists with specific skills and experience, such as people with medical training.



“Volunteering is one of the best things that I have ever done. Anyone who volunteers at Birmingham 2022 will have the time of their lives and discover things about themselves, use their innate skills as well as develop a few more.”

**Penney Bell**, volunteer at Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games

### What happens if I get shortlisted?

If your application is shortlisted, you'll be invited to the Volunteer Selection Centre in Birmingham on a date between September and December 2021. This is where you'll find out more about what volunteering at a major sporting event entails, and where we can find out more about you.

If you're successful here, you'll be offered a volunteer role from January 2022. Full training will be provided before the Games gets underway, and we'll send you a Commonwealth Collective uniform which you'll be able to keep. Then, all that's left is to prepare to make memories to last a lifetime!

### What will I get out of volunteering?

Your time and dedication will be rewarded with a unique chance to learn new skills, meet new people and make lifelong memories. This is your chance to leave your mark on the city, the Games, and the Commonwealth community, and represent where you live on the global stage.

The Commonwealth Collective celebrates what's special about each and every volunteer. When we come together, we form something powerful: capable of great things, a shining example of the human spirit.

### How can I find out more?

If you've got more questions about volunteering at Birmingham 2022, head to [www.birmingham2022.com/volunteering](http://www.birmingham2022.com/volunteering).

The last year has taught us that we are stronger when we pull together as a community. Joining the Commonwealth Collective is your opportunity to give something back, inspire a generation and be a part of something special.

Don't miss out: apply now to be a volunteer at Birmingham 2022, and let's make history together. Because if not you, who?

“The thrill and excitement of being part of an historic sporting event is like no other. Being part of a team of fellow enthusiasts, learning new skills, engaging with people from all walks of life and being challenged to put on a great show brings so much reward.”

**Rino Costanza from Coventry**, volunteer at many major sporting events