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“Kent Student Certificate for Volunteering (KSCV Awards)”

- Aim: to recognise the hard work our students-volunteers put in volunteering, and to give our students credit and recognition for that work.
- The organisers:
 - Kent Union (enjoyment, student experience)
 - The University(employability, acquisition of new skills, experience)

The awards

4 different levels of volunteering involvement:

- a) Standard KSCV
- b) Silver KSCV
- c) Gold KSCV
- d) Platinum.

Standard KSCV



Complete 25 hours of
volunteering and log your
hours on the [website](#)

Silver Award



Complete 50 hours of volunteering and book a review (normally 15 minutes) with the Vol. Coordinator of the University

Gold Award



- 100 hours of volunteering work, a review,
- a 750 word written reflection on their voluntary experience and
- 2 training sessions

STAND OUT Training Sessions for Students

- Interview Skills
- Leadership Skills
- CV and Application Forms
- First Aid
- Minibus Driver Training
- On-line media for radio, print and you
- Public Speaking
- Introduction to Child Protection

Platinum Award

- 4 different types of voluntary work;
- complete a portfolio of evidence,
- a written assessment and
- do a panel presentation.

Depending on the degree specialisation the students are studying, the KSCV Platinum can be a credit bearing module (15 credits instead of another module choice).. All students on the KSCV Platinum are assigned a mentor throughout the duration of the scheme.

Signed by...

- The certificates have the University logo on and are signed by the Vice-Chancellor and Union President. This shows students how much we appreciate their hard work, and gives them something to take to job interviews and put on their CVs
- as employers in UK love to see proof that someone has dedicated their time and effort to a good cause.

Where our students volunteer?

Medway Campus around 80% of volunteers are volunteering in the community.

In terms of sports, the types of volunteering students have been involved in include working in sports departments of local primary schools, coaching local sports teams, volunteering at one-off events (e.g. as marshals).

In terms of leisure, students have volunteered at local museums and for charities such as the National Trust.

2011 KSCV Awards

- We recently had our, where we thanked our student volunteers by giving them their certificates, and offering food, drink and entertainment free of charge to the students who had got involved this year. Photos of the awards can be found on :[Facebook](#)

Amy Scamell, Volunteering and Skills Development Co-ordinator

- *“Having worked in my role for a year and a half, I have really seen the benefits of volunteering. The best part of my job has got to be seeing students who had initially been very timid returning having volunteered with so much confidence and awareness of the skills they have developed. This week I have heard from 2 students who have graduated this year thanking me for setting them up with their volunteering placements, because they had been offered jobs as a result (one through the charity and one elsewhere due to their experience).”*

Amy Scamell, Volunteering and Skills Development Co-ordinator

- *“.. The Uni & Kent Union realise that the time and effort students put into their volunteering needs to be recognised, and our certificate scheme and awards ceremony are a simple way of doing this. By putting the university logo on the certificate, students know that the university appreciate and value their work, and it is a great addition to their CVs. Many students produce their KSCV certificates at interviews as 'proof' of the value of their work.”*

Our Volunteers



- *If we want to sustain the European model of grass root sport participation we should find ways to uphold, nourish and reward the willpower of sport volunteers!*