

Interested in a You-Vol Award?



The You-Vol Awards were created by Volunteer Centre Borders to provide young volunteers between the ages of 11-15 with the opportunity to gain certification for their voluntary work. They are based on the MV award scheme and follow the same process.

The awards are free, very simple to administer and look great on your CV. They are a great way for you to receive recognition for your volunteering achievement.

Who can be awarded?

The awards are open to all young people aged 11-15 living in the Scottish Borders, volunteering as individuals or as part of a group.

How do they work?

Certificates are presented when volunteers have completed 50, 100 and 200 hours of voluntary service. All certificates are signed by Volunteer Centre Borders.

You may volunteer for more than one organisation and all of your hours can be counted towards your award. Time spent engaging in training for voluntary work, support & supervision and some travel can also count.

Any hours accumulated after your 16th birthday will be carried forward for an MV award if you chose to continue.

New and current volunteers can be awarded. See how the awards work with our flowcharts [here](#).

How do I register?

Step 1

Complete a You-Vol Volunteer Registration form and send it to Tina Cameron, Youth Development Officer, Volunteer Centre Borders, using this form [You-Vol Volunteer Registration Form \(Completion Notes\)](#)

If you volunteer for more than one organisation list all of these Organisations on the Additional Organisation form and attach to your registration form. [You-Vol Additional Organisations Form](#)

You will receive confirmation of your registration from Volunteer Centre Borders.

Step 2

Once you have registered all you need to do is record the number of the hours you volunteer on this timesheet [You-Vol Volunteer Timesheet \(Completion Notes\)](#)

Once the target hours (50, 100 and 200) have been reached contact the Volunteer Centre for processing. If you have been volunteering for some time you can backdate your hours for up to 2 years.

Step 3

If you chose to do so, You-Vol also provides a valuable opportunity for you to chart your personal development through a volunteering experience. If you would like to keep a record of what you hope to achieve, review what you have done and chart your progress in achieving your goals. The forms are available below.

[Personal Plan \(Completion Notes\)](#)

[Distanced Travelled \(Completion Notes\)](#)

How do I request a certificate?

As soon as you have completed the required amount of hours you can request a certificate using the form below, this form must be completed by an organisation that you volunteer with.

[You-Vol & MV Certificate Request Form](#)

Who do I Contact?

For more information about the scheme and returning completed forms please contact Catriona (Tina) Cameron c.cameron@vcborders.org.uk, 0845 602 3921.

In my own words.....

If you are a young volunteer and would like to share your volunteering experience please tell us about it by completing the form below.

In my own words form... [Word](#) or [PDF](#)