Student Volunteering Stories

Karnival

We helped at the Alzheimer's UK Memory Walk by being marshals, helping with refreshments, organising traffic, and chatting to people around the walk. We aided the committee of the walk with whatever they needed and contributed to a wonderful day with lots of money raised for Alzheimer's UK.

Secondly, we worked in collaboration with Nottingham Nightline on their Superhero Fun Run. We supplied many of the marshals and helpers for the day which included registration, being at various checkpoints around the course, tailrunning and being enthusiastic to encourage the participants!

Thirdly, we have participated in several bucket collections over the course of the year. We have participated in one for the Rainbows Children and Young Adult Hospice and also for Barnardos. Karnival’s volunteers stood in the cold and rain fundraising for these but it was worth it to be able to contribute to wonderful causes. Our huge 'Yes We Kan' food drive continued this year during 'Festive Fortnight.'

We collaborated with Art History and CFM. Volunteers door to door knocked in Lenton every night for a week asking for non-perishable food items to be donated to local food banks. We filled 6 bins in total!

Finally, one of our biggest volunteering events of the year so far was the Annual Pudding Race in aid of Cancer Research UK which is a giant obstacle race in Covent Garden, London. A group of Karnival volunteers travelled down to London for a day of fundraising and helping CRUK raise over £10,000. A smaller group travelled down the night before and assisted CRUK in setting up the event from 6:30 AM. Responsibilities included, setting up the obstacle course, organising teams, getting individuals checked in, and overseeing the general running of the event. We also spent the day bucket collecting which contributed to a total of over £10,000 raised!
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