



What is Step into Sport?

Step into Sport is an integral part of the volunteer strategy for Canoe England to develop leadership and volunteering. It is a Government initiative which is part of the National PE and Sport Strategy for young people and is managed by Sport England, Youth Sport Trust and supported by Sports Leaders UK.

Step into Sport targets 11 - 19 year olds and provides young people with opportunities and an introduction to the leadership and volunteering pathway within schools, clubs and the community.

Step into Paddlesport

Get Involved!

Clubs can get involved in Step into Sport and benefit from the young volunteers on the scheme in your area. Canoe England can help you to link into the Step into Sport scheme as well as make sure your existing young volunteers gain benefits through the scheme.

Existing young volunteers can also gain recognition from Canoe England through the *Volunteers Rewards Scheme*. The hours which your young volunteers complete in your club/centre can be recorded. Once they have completed 10, 25 and 50 hours the young volunteers gain recognition from Canoe England.

How can students help?

Here are a few ideas:

Assistant Officers

- Media/Marketing Officer
- Assistant Treasurer
- Supporting Officers

Websites / Newsletters

- Updates and design
- Promotional Work
- Newsletter editing
- Club Logos

Coaching

- Taking warm ups
- Assisting Sessions

Behind the Scenes

- Writing Development Plans
- Assisting with Clubmark
- General Administration
- Committee member
- Taking the minutes
- Fundraiser

Organising Events

- Club development activities
- Out of school hours clubs
- Assisting as officials
- Coaching Schemes

What are the benefits for our Club/Centre?

For Clubs and Centres:

It won't cost your club/centre any money and there's no extra work involved. In return, you gain new, young and enthusiastic volunteers who have been trained with leadership skills.

As well as reducing the workload for your existing volunteers, young volunteers can share their new and fresh ideas.

In some cases, being involved in Step into Sport can also increase funding opportunities and you also receive support from Canoe England and your County Sports Partnership.

For Young People:

As well as gaining Nationally recognised qualifications, young volunteers will benefit from the experience and knowledge of your existing volunteers.

The scheme enables students to get involved in Paddlesport as well as develop their, confidence, knowledge and key skills for life and employment.

How do we get involved?

- ✓ Identify appropriate roles for young volunteers
- ✓ Identify a Volunteer Coordinator and support available
- ✓ Ensure all club child protection policies are in place and relevant CRB checks have been carried out
- ✓ Contact Canoe England for support
- ✓ Volunteers will be identified
- ✓ Confirm start dates and location with the young volunteer

For more information contact volunteers@bcu.org.uk or call 0845 3709530

