

Working for the police can be rewarding and exciting.

Is this something you have considered that God might be calling you to do?

There are many ways you can do this, e.g. by becoming a Police officer, member of Police Staff, Special Constable, Police Community Support Officer (PCSO), Lay Visitor, Police Volunteer etc. Why not check it out at www.policecouldyou.co.uk
For volunteering opportunities visit www.police.uk/volunteering

Focus on Volunteers: They are adding value to many Neighbourhood Police Teams across England and Wales. For example, there are over 4,000 **Special Constables** www.policesspecials.com and more than 8700 **Police Support Volunteers** (PSV) – members of the public who give their time freely to support the police based either at the police station or in the community.

Chaplaincy Police Chaplains play an important pastoral role to police. Can you assist chaplaincy work within our police forces, there is a network of chaplains across the UK supporting police at local level. www.police-chaplains.org.uk ?

Counselling – Do you have skills/qualification to offer counselling? 'River Force' – Merseyside Police operate a Christian Support Network including advice and support for staff through a network of small groups, with opportunities for anybody to explore the Christian faith, a confidential Christian counselling service and support and mentoring for current and potential applicants. For further details contact riverforce@merseyside.police.uk

Appropriate Adult Scheme- every person under 17 years of age in custody requires an appropriate adult to assist with the custody process. Can you volunteer to help. www.appropriateadult.org.uk good practice in Hammersmith & Fulham Met Police.

How do you get involved?

Check out your local police force to see what opportunities are being advertised: approach the police if you have a specialist skill that you think could be useful, or if you spot a role that you could do.

What can you gain from volunteering?

As a volunteer you will be giving your time to help improve lives, but volunteering can provide you with many benefits including:

- the chance to have fun doing something you've never tried before
- increased confidence
- a sense of satisfaction and achievement
- the opportunity to make new friends and contacts with diverse backgrounds and experiences.
- increased job and career prospects
- new skills – over 70 per cent of employers would hire a candidate with volunteering experience over someone who has never volunteered.

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