

Make a difference in Dublin's Docklands and beyond.

You can help children and young people to succeed in education and life.



Situated in the National College of Ireland (NCI) at the heart of Dublin's Docklands, the Early Learning Initiative (ELI) enables children and young people to develop the skills, knowledge and dispositions to succeed at school, career and life. In 2021/22 over 14,000 people participated in ELI's creative and engaging programmes.

Every year corporate volunteers join with children to play, code, learn and have fun together at ELI's events and activities. For 2023 we welcome volunteers from all backgrounds to meet children online and face-to-face.

Benefits of Corporate Volunteering

- **Volunteers develop their skillset - communication, organisation, working with diverse ages/backgrounds**
- **Supporting children and families to achieve learning and life goals**
- **Bridging the divide between the corporate and the local community**
- **Achieving company's CSR/ESG vision and goals**
- **Volunteers can engage virtually and/or face to face**
- **Volunteers can participate in once-off events or weekly**
- **Training given to all volunteers**

THANK YOU

Your partnership with us and commitment to the Dublin's inner-city community is much appreciated. Thanks to you, children, young people and their families can plan for a brighter future with education and achievement at its heart.



INNOVATE WITH US



Complete your Garda Vetting to join the panel of committed volunteers ready to participate in programmes and events this year.

Option 1: NCI Challenges

In Person (7-10 year olds)

Volunteers join classes in schools in Dublin's inner-city to learn Rummikub or Monopoly boardgames, or practice general knowledge in advance of final interschool challenge events in NCI.

Time Commitment Maximum 6 Hours **Vetting Required**

Weekly 40 minute sessions over 4 weeks;

Training (1 hour) and final event (1 hour)

Programme runs September to June each year



Option 2: Robotic Coding Club

In Person (10-12 year olds)

Volunteers join classes and afterschool groups in Dublin's inner-city to encourage children to learn computer skills and basic coding. No expertise in IT needed!

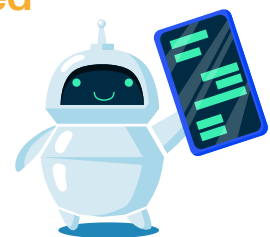
Over 8 weeks the clubs learn how to use mBots. The final mBot challenge event is hosted in NCI where all clubs come together.

Time Commitment Maximum 11 Hours **Vetting Required**

Weekly 1 hour sessions over 8 weeks;

Training (1 hour) and final event (1-1.5 hours)

Programme runs September to June each year





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Option 3: Talking Heads (English Speaking Sessions)

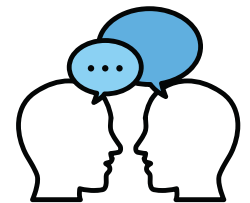
In Person (12 - 18 year olds)

Volunteers join small groups at locations in Dublin's inner-city to practice speaking English with students who are learners. It is helpful (but not essential) if volunteers have experience of teaching or learning another language.

Time Commitment Maximum 11 Hours **Vetting Required**

Weekly 45 minute session over 8 weeks; afternoons during term-time
Training & debrief (3 x 1 hour)

Programme runs October to March each year



Option 4: Language Cafés

In Person (17-18 year olds)

Volunteers join groups of senior cycle students from Dublin's inner-city in NCI to practice speaking Gaeilge, Spanish or French. Volunteers should be native/proficient speakers of their chosen language.

Time Commitment Maximum 2 Hours

One 90 minute session per term during school hours - vetting not required.

Mid-March each year - ahead of Leaving Cert oral exams

Option 5: Educational Guidance including Discover University summer programme

In Person/Online (10-17 year olds)

Volunteers assist young people with careers projects; volunteers judge final projects and visit schools to give feedback to students.

Time Commitment Maximum 3 Hours

All activities during school hours - vetting not required

Late January - June each year, dates vary





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Option 6: Skills Sharing

Mentoring & Support

Volunteers engage in small group or 1:1 training events or mentoring sessions with ELI staff and community partners to continue Learning and Development. Volunteers are also sought for ELI's Advisory and Development Committees. For more information, get in touch.

Time Commitment Minimum 3 Hours

Consultation, preparation, delivery (1 hour x 3)

Mentoring details to be agreed with individual volunteers

Ongoing at volunteer availability - vetting not required

REGISTER NOW!

Complete this form to register and choose your volunteering preferences: <https://nci.evasys.ie/evasys/online.php?p=VolReg>

Other volunteering opportunities will be available during the term, we will be in touch with more details.

Garda Vetting is required for a number of our programmes, please begin the process now if you wish to volunteer this term in your chosen programme.

Please contact us for more info

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