

SHOUT ABOUT YOUR VOLUNTEERING



*H*i, I am Slawek and I live in Colliers Wood.

I have been a volunteer with the Association for Polish Family PYZA for 2 years.

We are local charity working with Polish families across Merton.

I started giving my time to the group after an accident at work which partially disabled me.

I find volunteering very rewarding, especially when working with children. They gain so much from the activities that we run. It is great witnessing the progress they make, step-by-step. They always make me smile.

I used to volunteer five days a week. As a result of this the group received some funding. I am now paid for some of my hours. For me, it has been true that volunteering led to employment.

When I moved to England in 2004 I couldn't read or speak any English which made my life difficult. Learning a new language has been the biggest challenge I've faced. I've improved a lot but to be honest I still can find it tricky.

My volunteering contributes to Merton by supporting polish families. We help them achieve the best possible start in their new life and improve life chances for their children.

I Volunteer - Why Wouldn't You?