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Win on Waste[®] Helpers - Role Description

What is a Win on Waste® session?

Win on Waste[®] sessions encourage local residents to save specific items from their waste to donate at local monthly sessions. These are held in a variety of venues, local libraries, cafés or church halls. The items they bring are needed by good causes: for example milk bottle tops help Circular11 in their project work and used postage stamps help the fundraising efforts of Lewis-Manning Hospice Care. At each session approximately 10 good causes will benefit and over 3 tonnes of waste was collected across the whole Win on Waste[®] network in 2022/23.

We currently run 10 Win on Waste[®] sessions, but none of that would be possible without the dedication and commitment of our wonderful Win on Waste[®] Volunteer Ambassadors and Helpers. As you can imagine, running so many sessions, we need plenty of help to continue with this good work and always welcome interest from people who would like to join us.

What sort of person makes a good Helper?

Someone who:

- is friendly and likes working with people
- is a good listener and happy to answer questions from donors
- is a team player
- has a passion for recycling and a desire to see a reduction in waste going to landfill and recycling sites
- is prepared to help at a monthly Win on Waste[®] session (approx. 3 hours monthly time commitment)
- wants to help so that good causes and the local community will benefit
- happy to help donors sort their donated items (these can sometimes be a bit messy!)

(Note: there is a lot of standing, but some of the role can be done sitting e.g. sorting)

What is the role of a Helper?

The main parts of the role are helping to:

- set up session equipment
- meet and greet and encourage people to sort their own items into the containers where possible
- answer any questions people may have, such as "What happens to the items?" or "I've got X to donate, would you like it?"

Promoting Win on Waste® sessions

As well as helping at a session, Helpers often get involved in other ways such as:

- Encouraging neighbours, friends and family to save items.
- Sharing Win on Waste notices and information via social media
- Telling people at the clubs they attend about Win on Waste®
- Organising a recycling collection at their workplace.

Next steps

If you are interested in joining us, we'd love you to attend a couple of sessions as a trial, after that if you feel it is something you would like to do on a regular basis, we will organise for an induction, giving you the chance to find out more about our organisation.

Please contact Julia, our Volunteer Coordinator, 07421 126489 or email: volunteers@winonwaste.org if you would like to go ahead or would like more information. You can also chat to the Ambassador at your nearest session.

We are winning on waste.