

SU Careers Week

As part of Sheffield Students' Union What's Next Programme we will be tailoring Hub Headlines to focus on a different industry every day this week. This is a great opportunity to find out about careers you may not have heard much about.

Discover the latest advice and top tips for building a career in 5 different industries, as well as events, vacancies and more.

Today we are focusing on the Charity, NGO and Social Enterprise sector.

Click here for the full Careers Week schedule.

Charity, NGO & Social Enterprise



Overview

The charity and voluntary sector is often referred to as the 'third sector', 'not-for-profit sector', 'community sector' or 'civic sector'. Although the specific aims of the organisations in the sector vary, they can broadly be described as working for social benefit rather than to generate financial wealth. If you're looking to build a socially conscious career and make real change, explore your options within this rewarding sector.

There's more to the charity sector than raising money, but if your ambition is to save the world there are a number of opportunities, including the following: accountants, project managers, marketing executives, HR officers, retail managers and more.

Many charities focus on issues surrounding social services, housing, education, human rights, community development, international development, health and medicine, and conservation and environment.

Find out more

The impact of Covid-19

The unprecedented Coronavirus crisis meant that employers featured in The Times Top 100 Graduate Employers cut their graduate recruitment by 15.1% in 2020, compared to the original recruitment targets for the year. COVID-19 has had a huge impact on the charity and voluntary sector, with graduate vacancies having decreased by 25.7% since 2019. The pandemic has led to increased demand, financial

trouble, struggles in identifying people in need



restrictions on fundraising and problems with volunteer retention. To find out more take a look at the challenges facing the third sector. The latest recruitment targets for the country's leading employers suggest that the number of graduate jobs on offer in 2021 may increase by 2.5%, with graduate vacancies in the charity and voluntary sector increasing by 24.1% in 2021 so far. However, there remains considerable uncertainty for graduate employers and the wider economy because of the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic.

Find out more



Lucy Potter, Support Adviser at British Tinnitus Association

How did I start working in this area?

- Desired a job that made a difference & and would have a sense of fulfilment.
- Started as a webchat volunteer for the BTA alongside by job search. This included signing up for shifts weekly to provide advice to tinnitus sufferers.
- In September a job position for Support Adviser opened up for internal applicants only.
- Volunteering demonstrated my commitment to the organisation, showed good knowledge of tinnitus and understanding of the charity and its services.

Advantages/ challengers of working in this area

- Biggest reward is seeing the people I am helping, and knowing I truly am making a difference.
- Love the opportunities for self development, and working on my own research projects.
- Colleagues arguably the nicest people you'll ever work with.
- Working from home.
- Networking and feeling part of the team.
- In the sector you will be working for some really difficult causes, that can affect you.

Upcoming events in Charity, NGO & Social Enterprise:

Event:	Date and time:	
Insight panel: Charities/NGOs	16th March, 5:00 - 6:00pm	

Our selection of vacancies in Charity, NGO & Social Enterprise:

Position:	Company:	Location:	Closing Date:
Project Leader (work experience)	ReachOut	UK	Rolling
<u>Graduate Programme</u>	Charityworks	UK	Rolling

More vacancies available in the job board

We hope you found this issue useful, tomorrow's Hub Headlines will feature opportunities, events and information about the Consumer, FMCG and Retail industry.

Useful links/ references

- Bright Network: Career path guide
- Prospects: Charity and voluntary work
- Prospects: Challenges facing the third sector
- Careers Service: <u>Information resources</u>
- Highflighers: The Graduate Market in 2021

• Office for National Statistics: The impact of the coronavirus so far

Virtual Hub Opening Hours:

- Monday 10am until 4pm
 Tuesday 10am until 4pm
 Wednesday 10am until 4pm
 Thursday 10am until 4pm
 Friday 10am until 4pm

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Best wishes

The Employability Team Sheffield University Management School

The hub will be shut for lunch from 1pm until 2pm every day.



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