

Volunteer Brief Special Edition

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Volunteer's do not get paid, not because they are worthless but because they are priceless!

Liverpool Women's

VOLUNTEER'S WEEK 1-7 JUNE

It was National Volunteer's Week 1-7 June. To celebrate the fantastic work of our volunteers we hosted a High Tea afternoon on Friday 2nd June.

My team and I decorated the atrium with bunting and covered tables with white cloths and laid out fine bone china tea sets courtesy of league of friends. I have to say, I've never seen the atrium look so nice and passes by stopped to admire and give compliments.

Over 40 volunteers came, including volunteers from the Newborn Appeal and the League of Friends.

They all each received a thank you card from the Chair and CEO, and a gift.

We gave our volunteers pots of Begonia's lovingly handcrafted by the 'V' team as a special thank you.



We presented long service awards and Kathryn Thomson, CEO draw the free to enter raffle. Robert Clarke, Chair, presented this months and May's Volunteer of the Month (see pg.2 and our FB page).

But I think what helped make it more special was the support given by the Trust Board, they came out in force to wait on the volunteers, serving them tea, coffee, juice and sandwiches. They sat and ate their lunch with them, chatting and showing

an interest in what the volunteers do.

*Michelle Turner,
Director of HR and
Operations sent a
message to say:*

"Just a quick note to say thank you so much on behalf of the Board for organising the Volunteers Event last Friday. It was a lovely event and a great joy and privilege for the Board members to be there and spend some time with our wonderful volunteers. These things don't just happen by magic though, so please say thank you to everyone who worked with you to make it such a great event."

Volunteers have fed back saying how much they enjoyed themselves and how it made them feel valued. We are delighted to hear the event had the desired

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outcome and we agree with Robert Clarke, Chair, when he said in his thank you speech that we should do things like this for the volunteers more often. So here I am planning something for you all for Christmas!!



Take a look at the pictures taken on the day on page 3 & our FB page!

Special thanks to G4S, LOF, Newborn Appeal, Laura and Jaye for helping create such a fantastic event.

Gina

Volunteer of the Year 2016/7



Award presented to Annalyn at the Dedicated to Excellence Awards evening in April 17

Special belated congratulations to **Annalyn Taylor** (nee Lim) for being this years Volunteer of the Year. The judges had a tough decision choosing only one person to win out of the 11 entries.

Annalyn's winning entry:

Annalyn hadn't been volunteering for long on Meet and Greet when she was nominated for Summer Volunteer of the Season. She'd made a wonderful impression on all the staff in the volunteer's office and volunteers on Meet and Greet in a very short time. She is a joyous person, who can help brighten up everyone's mood. She has a lovely smile, she is kind, caring and she epitomises what working in the health care sector is

Volunteer of the Month for May and June



May 2017 Volunteer of the Month is **Kevin Lavelle**

Kevin has been a volunteer at the Trust for 8 years, during this time he has helped Dave and staff in the post room deliver and collect mail to ground floor departments. He was nominated by fellow volunteer, Michael, for doing his job very well and for being on time. Kevin is a lovely chap, always smiling and pleasant, it's an honour to have him volunteer for us.

June 2017 Volunteer of the Month is **Patrice O'Malley**

Patrice has volunteered on Gynaecology Ward for over 7 years, and helped May



and Helen with the library service until they retired a couple of years ago. She now manages the library service every Wednesday as well as continuing to help and support patients and staff on Gynae. She was nominated by Paula, a volunteer, for always smiling and for being like a breath of fresh air to both staff and patients. She has a cracking sense of humour and makes us all laugh!

High Tea afternoon photo gallery Friday 2nd June



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Long Service Awards

Congratulations to the following volunteers on achieving a Long Service Award:

June McKie 10 Years

Carole Byrne 5 Years

Jonathan Harrison 5 Years

Barry Lunt 5 Years

Christine McKendrick 5 Years

Karen Moore 5 Years

Marian Wheelan 5 Years

Fantastic achievement and dedication everyone, thank you so much for all your help over the years and long may you continue to volunteer with us!!

Gina, Laura and Jaye
The 'V' Team

Those that didn't attend the High Tea afternoon, we have your certificates and lapel star badges in the office, please pick them up when you're next on duty.

"Every year we celebrate those who achieve milestones in volunteering at the hospital.

We are immensely grateful for their generosity and commitment to volunteering with us. They have given their time freely for many years which is testament to their dedication and reliability and we sincerely hope they continue to enjoy their volunteering with us for many more years to come!

Thank you"

Kathryn Thomson, Chief Executive

and

Doug Charlton, Director of Nursing and Midwifery.

Thank you

Hi Gina, Laura and Jaye

Thank you all for a lovely treat on Friday, the lunch was very nice and the service was fantastic. I have planted the plant in a suitable pot and will take good care of it.

Thank you again for inviting us all to the Volunteer lunch.

Cheers
Anne Headey

"Lots of volunteers have been telling me how much they enjoyed themselves at the lunch last Friday. The room was set up lovely and it helped create a lovely atmosphere. We had a really nice chap sit and talk to us on our table!

I liked us all getting together and meeting each other.

Thank you, it made me feel appreciated and valued."

Paula Talbot

The nice chap Paula is referring to is Tony Okete, Non Exec.