

Title of the event: **Volunteer to Boost Your Skills**

This is a student organized event that consists of a brief introduction saying why it is important to volunteer, especially in your early university education, and four 15-minute presentations about 4 different non-governmental organizations that will tell you what voluntary opportunities they can offer you and how you will benefit from them.

The event is targeted at 1st and 2nd year Ecological & Environmental Sciences students but upper years are welcome if they want to learn more about the organizations. It is also appropriate for students taking other biological sciences.

Organizations and speakers:

Introduction: Why it is important to volunteer? How to decide what to volunteer? How much to volunteer?

Scottish Wildlife Trust (SWT) – Elisabeth Drake (former Zoology student, SWT volunteer)

<http://scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/>

Earth Calling – Jakob Assman (EC volunteer, former Ecological & Environmental Sciences student, now PhD)

<http://www.earthcalling.org/>

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) – Radina Atanasova (RSPB volunteer, Ecological & Environmental Sciences 4th year student)

<http://www.rspb.org.uk/>

Coffee break – chance to chat with the speakers.