

TY Volunteering Workshop By Yosra El Hussein

On October 17th, 20th and 23th TY students took turns participating in volunteering workshop. This was led by John Bird from the Wexford Volunteer Centre.

John explained that the best way to get into volunteering in Wexford is to contact the Wexford Volunteer Centre, which is in Wexford Town. However, an even simpler method is to go to their website, where you can filter all the volunteering opportunities to find something right for you. Here you can find one-off jobs such as collecting money in town, or more regular volunteering jobs such as working in a charity shop.

We also talked about the benefits and drawbacks of volunteering.

There are many benefits for both the volunteers and the organisation that they work for. For the volunteer, there is an increased sense of confidence and self-esteem which will help in all aspects of life. Of course, there is also the chance to make new friends. As for the organisation, volunteers are always needed. This is because they likely can't afford to pay people to complete the work as most do not receive any funding, and any funds that they raise go straight to those who need it.

In my opinion the benefits outweigh helping others and when you do help others you get to meet new people and make friends and even learn new things. Another drawback is that you do not receive payment for the work you

do. This is true, but there is now a card available to volunteers that will reduce prices in participating shops.

Later, we played a few games, and won some prizes.

Overall, everyone enjoyed their day, and got some helpful tips about how to approach volunteering. Thank you to John Bird for coming to talk to the TY students.

