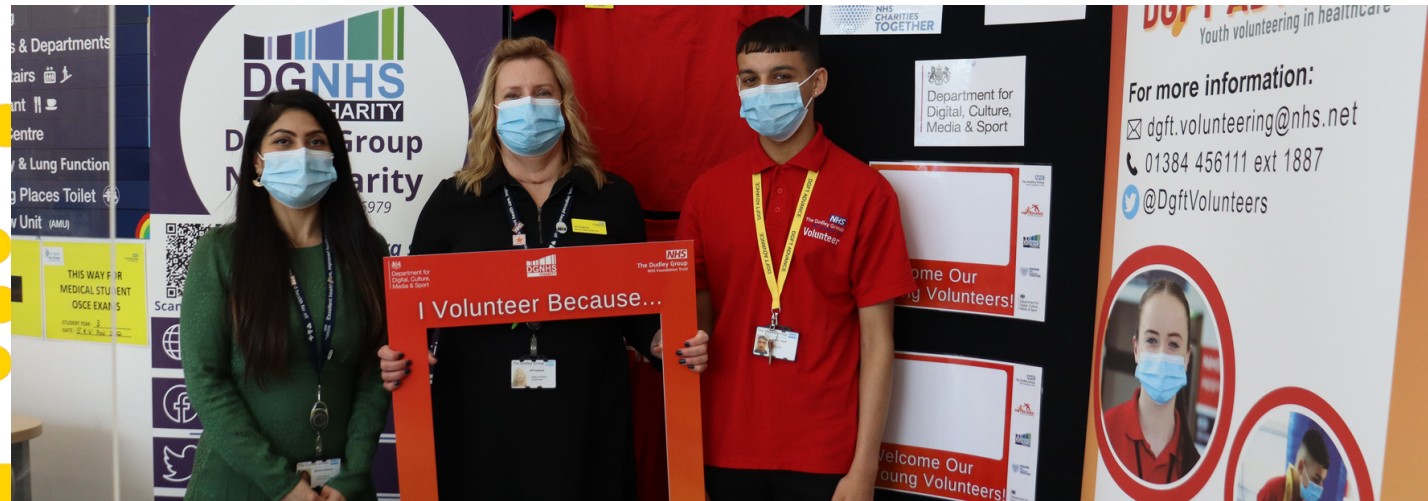


DUDLEY - VOLUNTEER FUTURES FUND

THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS CHARITY

The Project

The Dudley Group NHS Charity was successful in obtaining funding from NHS Charities Together and Digital, Culture, Media, and Sport as part of the Volunteers Futures Fund. Our project was to build on our existing student volunteering programme, by recruiting and training 10 of our existing student volunteers aged 16-18 as mentors and best practice assessors to support 150 new young volunteers aged 16-18 who were currently experiencing barriers to volunteering in Dudley to participate in flexible and digital volunteer roles at the Trust.



Head of Fundraising Nithee, Head of Patient Experience and young volunteer Aaron at the project launch event



Young Volunteers Charlie, Ellis and Sophie

The Impact

Since launch there have been 224 active volunteers on this project, 96 of whom belong to black and minority ethnic groups. We feel our recruitment in these groups has been successful due to our robot outreach programme and successful relationships with the education and third sector partners.

56 young people have also taken part in careers awareness sessions which have resulted in 54 of those young people to have 121 careers sessions with specific Trust staff in areas of interest to them e.g. midwifery, nursing, physiotherapy.

Website:  <http://www.dgft.nhs.uk/our-charity>

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