

# POWERPOINT NOTES

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Royal Voluntary Service:  
Its Future in Your Hands

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## SLIDE 2

### Starter

Stand up and sit down activity to gauge prior awareness of RVS and other big charities (examples: Oxfam, Cancer Research, NSPCC)

### Interesting fact:

Editor of Guardian Society *Alison Benjamin* says:

*‘There are around 160,000 general charities in the UK. According to the UK Civil Society Almanac 2012, these charities have a combined income of around £37bn. ‘*

## SLIDE 3

This slide provides background for the rest of the PowerPoint, and sets the quote in the following slide in context.

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## SLIDE 4

This slide provides a good starting point and visual reference for the next four slides and their oral history recordings.

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## SLIDE 5

The following four slides are designed to get young people to think about the realities of being old in today's society and may spark debates into who is responsible for caring for older people.

## SLIDE 9

This can be done as pair work

The right hand column contents can be cleared and printed out per student to complete for inspiration for their volunteering task.

## SLIDE 11

Remember to explain that parental permission must be sought and safety planned so that family know where you are. If you are interested in formal RVS volunteer roles to find out more on their website. These can be used for the active citizenship element of the National Curriculum's Citizenship programme of Study with your planning input.

The oral history clips can be used to help with the discussion

Please refer to the Assembly resource to discuss why people volunteer.

Other volunteering ideas to explore:

- Find out what songs older people enjoy and organise a singing session
- Have a collection for Christmas or Easter of treats and deliver personally to an older persons home.
- Learn dominoes, shove ha'penny and go play a game,
- Run a talent competition and invite older people
- Run an exercise or dance class
- Organise an intergenerational session with children about memories

## SLIDE14

If you are not already doing active citizenship we suggest following Duke Edinburgh guidelines for volunteering.

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## SLIDE 16

May have seen them on TV adverts, coin collecting in supermarkets, teamed up with a product (T Shirt), car stickers, local event.

Benefits:

Worldwide exposure - vast number of people reached

Participatory - gets people involved.

No print costs!

Reaches young people

Build supporters

Guardian Article: <http://www.theguardian.com/voluntary-sector-network/2013/feb/28/charities-social-media>

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