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Flourishing for Life

Y5: Volunteering	Learning objective:	Key vocabulary:
L2 - How can you	- To identify the virtues that might be needed to be a volunteer and	Volunteering, motivation, staffed, variety,
volunteer?	could be developed through volunteering.	benefits, persuasive
		Key virtues:
		Neighbourliness, service, compassion,
		motivation
Resources:	Statutory links:	
	Health Education (2020)	
PowerPoint	Pupils should know: - The benefits of physical exercise, time outdoors, community participation, voluntary and service-based activity on	
Access to the Internet	mental wellbeing and happiness.	
Key questions:	Learning activities:	
What virtues do the role	Starter: Role models	
models display?		
	Look at the role models for volunteering. Which virtues did they show? What do you think motivated them to volunteer their	
What do you think their	time and experience to help others?	
motivations were?		
\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	Activity 1: Royal National Lifeboat Association	
What is the cost of	leteradure the DNII I veign their websites better of feet and feet	
volunteering?	Introduce the RNLI using their website: https://rnli.org/ [accessed 28.05.2020].	
What is the benefit of	Explain that RLNI is completely staffed by volunteers. There is an average of 24 call outs for the lifeboats a day so there is	
volunteering?	most likely a rescue happening right now.	
Is it fair that someone	While the lifeboats are staffed by volunteers, there are also a lot of volunteers behind the scenes who do a vital job.	
who did not make the		
mess bears the cost?	Watch the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SZBGeGsFBes [accessed 28.05.2020].	
What will happen if no-	Discuss:	
one volunteers?		
Is this fair?	- What are the different roles that volunteers can do?	
Have you ever been in a	- Why do you think it is good to be able to volunteer in a variety of ways?	
similar situation?	- Why do you think people volunteer with the Royal National Lifeboat Association?	



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What happened? How did you feel?

Create a poster encouraging more volunteers to sign up to roles within the RNLI.

Note: If you are located somewhere far from the coast, you might want to choose an organisation that operates locally. You may be able to get a local organization to come in and give a presentation to the students.

Activity 2: Moral dilemma

Ask children to read through the moral dilemma and respond individually about what they would do. Then, discuss the dilemma in pairs before having a whole class discussion.

- What is the cost of volunteering?
- What is the benefit of volunteering?
- Is it fair that someone who did not make the mess cleans it up?
- What will happen if no-one volunteers? Is this fair?
- Have they ever been in a similar situation? What happened? How did they feel?

Plenary:

Make a class brainstorm of all the opportunities to volunteer at school (this could be joining the student council, being a librarian, being a peer mediator).

Ask children to choose one of the volunteering opportunities and create a short advertising presentation which includes the virtues that might be needed and the virtues that they could develop.

