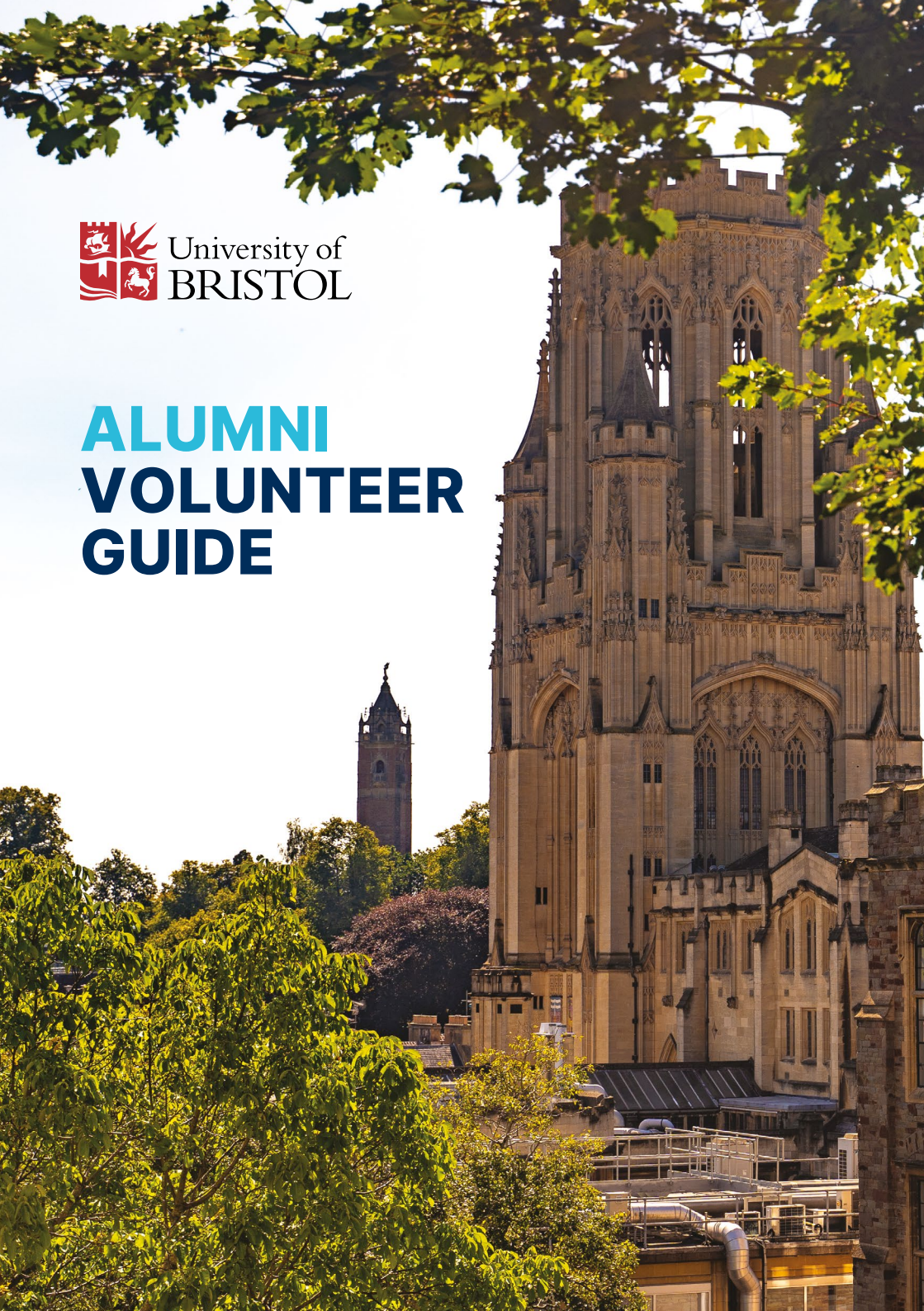




# ALUMNI VOLUNTEER GUIDE







## WHY SHOULD YOU VOLUNTEER?

**Volunteering is more than giving back to the University – it's an opportunity to grow, connect and inspire.**

**Through volunteering you can:**

- Reconnect with Bristol and fellow alumni
- Give back to future generations of students
- Expand your network and meet inspiring people
- Challenge and deepen your skills
- Boost yours and others' confidence

### How you can get involved

'I am so grateful that each year, around 2000 Bristol alumni like you choose to volunteer their time to support the University of Bristol community.

I hope you find something in this leaflet to inspire you. We also offer one-off volunteering roles throughout the year, so do visit our website to find out more: [bristol.ac.uk/alumni/get-involved](http://bristol.ac.uk/alumni/get-involved)

Whether you have five minutes or five hours to give, there is something for everyone.

Thank you so much for your interest in volunteering!

– Laura Anders,  
Head of Alumni Engagement



### DON'T JUST TAKE IT FROM US...



I feel a lifelong connection to the University of Bristol, and it's wonderful to come back to volunteer and still feel part of it all.'

– Sam Joiner (BA 2011)



If you're considering volunteering, do it. You'll get so much more out of it than you think, and there's no way to put a price on it.'

– Janet Newland  
(BA 1976, PGCE 1977)

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## STUDENT FOCUSED VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

### EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAMMES

#### Bristol Mentors

Mentor a student from an under-represented group and provide career-focused support over the academic year. Meeting online and in-person, you'll connect with a student, offering one-to-one support, providing career insights and have the opportunity to attend Bristol Mentor events.

**Who is eligible?** Alumni from a range of career paths.

**Time commitment:** 1-2 hours per month from October to June.

**You'll be helping...** students from under-represented groups prepare for life after university.

#### Career Insight Conversations

Connect with students and recent graduates sharing insights into your role, industry and career path. Meeting online or in person, you'll be matched with a student or recent graduate and offer practical career advice on areas of interest.

**Who is eligible?** Alumni from a range of careers and disciplines.

**Time commitment:** 45 minutes to an hour for an online or in person one-off meeting.

**You'll be helping...** students and recent graduates gain insight into their desired careers by offering your support.

#### Professional Liaison Network (PLN) Mentoring

The PLN offer multiple mentoring schemes across different academic schools: Business School, Economics, SPAIS, SPS and Education. Mentor a small group of students over the course of the academic year, supporting them with their career development. You can be based anywhere in the world and mentoring is flexible to best meet your and the students' needs.

**Who is eligible?** Any member of our alumni with a degree from the schools of Business, Economics, SPAIS, SPS and Education and are now in roles relevant to their degree.

**Time commitment:** At least two meetings across the academic year.

**You'll be helping...** students within those schools to expand their network and support their career after graduation.

#### Industrial Liaison Office (ILO) Mentoring

Mentor first-year engineering students looking to expand their network and who are beginning to think about their careers. Meet with a small group of students flexibly throughout the year and provide guidance and insight into the world of engineering.

**Who is eligible?** Any member of our alumni with a degree from the Faculty of Science and Engineering and are now in roles relevant to their degree.

**Time commitment:** At least two meetings across the academic year.

**You'll be helping...** students within these schools to explore the careers available to them and offer employability guidance.

## STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAMMES

### Bristol Voices

Welcome and support an international student new to Bristol, helping them settle into their first term at university. The programme offers alumni and students an opportunity for cultural exchange, allowing them to deepen their cultural awareness and learn from each other.

**Who is eligible?** Alumni living in/around Bristol.

**Time commitment:** A total of 4-6 hours from September to December.

**You'll be helping...** International students settle into their time at Bristol and feel welcomed!



## COMMUNITY FOCUSED VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

### Global Gatherings

Bring Bristol to you, wherever you are in the world by hosting an alumni reunion in your city. Previous events have taken place across six continents! Bring your unique ideas to reconnect alumni in your city.

**Who is eligible?** Anyone who wants to organise an alumni event in their city.

**Time commitment:** Around five hours preparation plus the event.

**You'll be helping...** Reignite Bristol alumni communities and reconnect with fellow alumni.

### Ready to volunteer?

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for Bristol.

If you would like to register for any of the programmes mentioned or to be considered for future opportunities, please scan our QR code and fill out our Volunteering Interest Form.

For more information and other one-time volunteering opportunities, please visit [bristol.ac.uk/alumni/get-involved](https://bristol.ac.uk/alumni/get-involved)

If you have any questions, please email us at [alumni-volunteers@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:alumni-volunteers@bristol.ac.uk)

**We can't wait to welcome you to our Bristol Volunteering Community!**

