



4.2 Can your university help?

The more help you can get with your volunteering project the better. At STAR national we will give you as much support as we can but don't forget that you can often get help from your university as well, and even money if you are lucky!

There are a lot of ways your university may be able to help so you need to...

- ★ **Find out whether your university provides support for volunteering.** This might be through your student union or there might be a separate volunteering department or a SCA (Student Community Action) based at your university. At STAR national we have a list of useful university contacts so you can also call and ask us.

- ★ **Find out what they can do for you...the kinds of things that they may be able to help with include:**
 - Advertising your volunteering opportunities
 - Providing training for new volunteers
 - Carrying out CRB checks for volunteers
 - Taking references for volunteers
 - Supporting the set up and running of Student Led Projects
 - Making sure your project is safe
 - Providing funding
 - Providing volunteers with accreditation for their volunteering through awards and certificates (see section 4.9)