

volunteer fact sheet

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✳️ our core activity

Everything we do revolves around supporting the programs in our local Collectives. Here, we work alongside young people ('the Crew') to repair and rebuild bikes which have been donated. Bikes are cleaned, sometimes stripped, rebuilt, safety checked and tested before then being resold to the public.

Young people are released from school for a lesson or two each week. They spend that time with us before returning to school.

While they're in the workshop with us, it's like they're at work. There's a job to do, there are workmates, supervisors, tools, procedures, paperwork, expectations... even rewards. So they're learning skills they will use throughout their lives.

✳️ welcome!

You're interested in volunteering with the Tasmanian Bike Collective... Great! We are a community based and community led organisation, so when we have grass-roots community support, we can do so much more to make a better future for young Tasmanians. Because, even though we're the "Bike Collective", we're much more about young people than bikes.

This leaflet will give you an overview of who we are, how we work, our volunteer roles, and what you can expect if you decide to join us.

We're excited that you want to know more... Have a read through, and please get in touch if you have more questions.

✳️ our values

We believe in the inherent value of every human being, and that each person has the potential to make a unique contribution to society. We are aware that not all people are presented with the same opportunities to fulfil that potential. We believe that a better future can exist when we help young people to overcome barriers created by disadvantage.

We partner with schools to give opportunities for young people to learn important life skills in ways that, for some, regular education cannot.

Especially for those who are struggling in some way, we are here to help young people toward fulfilling the potential they hold - toward a Better Future.

✳️ what's our impact?

Some of the longer term outcomes we have observed in young people who commit to the program are:

- Improved engagement & attendance at school
- Improved self-esteem and mental health
- A greater sense of hope for the future
- Improved relationships
- A greater awareness of and regard for others
- Greater enthusiasm for work
- More confidence to enter the workplace

Like the sound of that? Read on to learn how each of our different kinds of volunteers contribute to our mission, and where you might fit in.

volunteer roles



✳️ event support volunteers

We sometimes hold or attend events (like our annual Baskerville Ride Day) to raise funds, community engagement, and public awareness. We encourage our Crew to take part in these events, but we are always in need of adult assistance as well. These roles are suited to people who are unable to commit to a regular time during the school week.

✳️ admin support volunteers

We have a number of both regular and less frequent administration, marketing and fundraising tasks which need to be carried out. Having support in this area allows our staff to spend more time growing and increasing our impact.

✳️ what happens next?

If you decide you'd like to go forward with us, please jump on line and register with us. We'll get back to you as soon as we can!

Then, we will provide all you need to get going so you can experience the personal rewards that come with helping young people thrive.

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✳️ workshop mentor volunteers

Our workshop mentors come at regular times (that's really important!), from as little as 1.5 hours, each school week. They work alongside a Program Manager and the group of young people, rebuilding donated bicycles.

Some volunteers have started out with no mechanical skills. We promise, it's pretty easy to get started!

The most important part of the role of the workshop mentors is simply to be present with young people. Just by being there and taking part, mentors are modelling values and work & life skills – skills like helping others, healthy relationships, problem solving, resilience, responsibility, perseverance, reliability, work health & safety, being part of a team, and more.

✳️ bikes for good volunteers

The Tasmanian Bike Collective now has its own store: Bikes for Good. The store runs as a Social Enterprise (a bit like an op shop) and sells new and used bikes and accessories and runs a full service workshop.



Volunteers in the store work in sales, customer service, bike servicing, building new bikes, and/or the many daily tasks involved in running a retail business.

✳️ what do our volunteers say?

"A highlight of my week every Thursday afternoon"
- Clare

"You've no idea how much I wish I'd found this place years ago. I love it here!"
- Owen

"I've been surprised by how organised you are and the systems you have in place to help empower young people"
- Dylan

"I've volunteered with a larger organisation previously, but I already feel more supported, and that I understand [TasBC's] goals and values better"
- Yang

"The Bike Collective has changed my life"
- Julius