

### Upcoming Events:

We have our Young Helper Project coming up over the Easter weekend. Can't wait to give updates of how it went in our next newsletter.

### Important Dates:

The EC will be finalising dates for the summer projects, both hippocampus and residential, and will be in contact about these soon.,

Keep an eye out in your emails and on social media for sign up forms.

### Keep in touch:

This year, Campus has made an Instagram account to try and keep everyone updated with countdowns to our projects, as well as sharing some old memories of Campus and our experiences as volunteers. We will be updating both our Instagram and our Facebook Group with more information about the upcoming projects this year

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### Campus Stories

Eleanor's story:

I've been volunteering with Campus since 2018. In that time I've been a group leader on residential projects, co-ordinated a training project for young helpers, and been part of the Executive Committee, including being Chair for a year.

One of the most important parts of Campus's mission is to encourage kids to have fun, and that fun so often extends to the adult volunteers too. It's very difficult not to have fun when you're playing a high-stakes game of tag at a trampoline park, or enjoying a mani pedi from some of the best and youngest beauticians Liverpool has to offer.

Even committee meetings can be more fun than you would think. Picking the theme for the group names each year is a highlight, and my campaign to build grassroots support for a worm themed week will continue until I am successful.

It's a pleasure to volunteer with a charity where fun plays such a big role in the product and the process. This year I'm co-ordinating our young helper training project again, and will be volunteering as a group leader in summer. I'm looking forward to another year of Campus fun!

Sophia's story:

Last year was my first year volunteering with Campus. My university suggested it as a summer volunteering project for me to take part in as I have a passion for working with children and it seemed really interesting.

I've never done a residential project before Campus but from the moment I met the rest of the volunteers, I immediately felt like part of the family. Being the only new volunteer on my week, I thought I'd feel out of place and be very behind having not done something like this before but the rest of the volunteers were happy to make me feel welcomed and make sure that both the children and me got the best experiences possible.

From only volunteering for one week, I can already see the massive difference Campus makes to these children's lives and I am so excited to be back this summer.

### Winter Project Update

The Christmas holidays have come and gone and all Campus kids know what that means: Winter Project is over again for another year. As many of you will be aware, Winter Project is the time when children get to reunite with their friends from Campus' summer projects for a day of fun and holiday cheer.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the commitment of our volunteers, we were able to take out 85 children over 3 days at the end of December. They enjoyed activities such as swimming and trampolining, plus a Christmas party, complete with gingerbread decorating, Musical Statues and Pass the Parcel.

It was great to see that the friendships forged in the fires of Campus' summer projects have survived to last in the snows of Winter Project. All of us here at Campus look forward to continuing to see our Campus kids grow, make friends and have fun.



### Fundraising

Since the closure of Virgin Money Giving, several people have asked us the best way to donate. Well, I shall tell you.

We will hopefully have a page set up on the platform Wonderful, for direct online donations, in the near future. Until then, you can find donation forms on our website at <https://campusholidays.org.uk/donate/>. It is both possible to make a one-off donation and to create a standing order (with or without Gift Aid) using these forms. Just fill it in and send it to [fundraising@campusholidays.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@campusholidays.org.uk). Campus' Fundraising Officer will then process your donation.

### Get involved?

If you have a Campus story you want to share, send an email to [publicity@campusholidays.org.uk](mailto:publicity@campusholidays.org.uk) to be featured on the instagram or next Campus newsletter!

