

# Introduction to volunteers and the law

Volunteers enrich and enhance our community services but what are the legal implications that organisations need to be aware of?

## Course content

This session will highlight 'best practice' in providing a supportive volunteering environment while being aware of your statutory obligations in relation to:

- Employment law and volunteers
- Safeguarding
- Under 16's and work permits
- Expenses and benefits
- Insurance and public liability

## Questions you will be able to answer

- What is the legal status and implications of involving volunteers?
- Can under 16's legal and safely volunteer with my organisation?
- When do volunteer expenses constitute employment law?

## Meet the trainer

I am one of Community Action Suffolk's Volunteering Services Officers and have over 20 years working within the voluntary and community sector. I have a breadth of experience ranging from tutoring on E2E programmes, Project Management on ESF projects and facilitating grass roots, community-led Big Local projects.

I have a deep passion for assisting communities to grow and evolve and believe training and up-skilling are crucial routes to development.

Faye Smith