

## SHOUT ABOUT YOUR VOLUNTEERING



Hello, I am Elias and I volunteer as a Young Advisor for Volunteer Centre Merton.

I help by giving ideas about services, helping with fundraising and contributing to the community.

I was also involved in the interviewing, recruitment and training of Olympic London Ambassadors.

I like to volunteer because it makes me feel good about myself and keep me busy.

### What do I enjoy about giving my time?

The most enjoyable aspect is when I complete the task that I have been given at a high standard. This is when I know I am making a difference.

As English is my second language, my biggest challenge was a presentation that involved writing.

On the day of the presentation, I had to make a hard decision whether to be late for work or complete the training and presentation. Fortunately I was able to arrange to go into work a little later. It is difficult trying to juggle school, work and volunteering but I enjoy doing all of them and they all help me in different ways.

My volunteering contributes to Merton by being inspirational to young people in the borough. Supporting young people to achieve their goals could help to get more kids off the streets.

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and online what you do to make Merton a better place.