

What would it take to get YOU to be an FSB volunteer?

This month our committees are busy planning their events and activities for 2010 on your behalf. These programmes will include events, meetings, campaigns, media work and much more.

Our committees are made up entirely of volunteers, FSB members who run their own businesses but give up some of their free time to help. They are the FSB's unsung heroes without whom we could not do what we do.

Some of our volunteers have given us many years of service; others are new to being a volunteer: they come from all walks of life and everyone brings something different to the party.

This means that they are enjoying what they do as volunteers and feel it is a worthwhile way to spend their precious time. They are certainly an enthusiastic and hard-working team of people who are a pleasure to work with.

It is vitally important that as a volunteer each one has control over what they do for the FSB and how much time they spend doing it. Not everyone enjoys all aspects of the work we do or has time to give up to regular committee meetings or manning exhibition stands.

Here is a chance for you to use your skills, experience and ideas to make a real difference in your local business community as well as have some fun with friends and colleagues along the way and perhaps try something new.

You will be well supported by the FSB and for the more challenging work we can offer training and mentoring to get you started.

The good news is there is so much more to being an FSB volunteer than you may think and you don't need to give up much time at all to make a difference.

This year more than ever we need to encourage more of YOU to get involved.

There is much to do with the General Election on the horizon, with so many pressures on small businesses as we weather the economic downturn and with changes in our local authorities. Without new volunteers our existing volunteers will find they cannot achieve all they would like to on your behalf.

If you would like more information or find out how to become a volunteering please contact Andrew Aves our Regional Organiser:

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This is YOUR FSB so please give it some thought.