

# is your volunteering programme attractive?

Key to involving young disabled people is giving them a reason to want to get involved.

Things to consider:

- Do you offer roles that would appeal to young people?
- Do you offer training and development opportunities?
- Do you support volunteers to get accreditation or to build evidence for award schemes such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award\* or the Millennium Volunteers Award\*?
- Do you offer a range of placement lengths, including shorter, fixed term opportunities?

- Do you offer volunteers the opportunity to complete project work or to take ownership for a piece of work?
- Do you recognise volunteer's achievements and thank them for their contribution?
- Would your volunteer social events appeal to young people?

## TOP TIP

**Rather than thinking “Why don’t young disabled people volunteer with us?” think “Why should young disabled people volunteer with us?”**

\*see contacts page 69