



Welcome to our June Newsletter!

This communication is your go-to source for updates and insights on our latest initiatives. We'll also be sharing some interesting content related to our efforts, so you can stay informed and engaged with our work.



The Benefits of Volunteering for People of All Ages

This month's newsletter coincides with the nationwide celebration of National Volunteering Week. In light of this special occasion, we aim to shed light on the incredible advantages that volunteering offers to individuals of all ages.

Whether you're a student seeking to bolster your college applications, a seasoned professional looking to enhance your skills, or a retiree eager to give back to the community, volunteering presents countless opportunities for personal growth, fulfillment, and positive impact.

Join us as we explore the remarkable benefits that await those who generously offer their time and expertise for the betterment of others.

[Read this blog](#)



Queensmere Observatory and Slough BID Join Forces to Empower Education: Supporting Global Educational Trust Through a 'Life-Sized' Giving Box

Global Educational Trust (GET) has received a significant boost in support from the Slough Business Improvement District (BID) and Queensmere Observatory Shopping Centre. The shopping centre recently unveiled a "life-sized" gift box designed to collect donations for GET.

Recognising the valuable work done by GET in promoting literacy among people of all ages, Slough BID and Queensmere Observatory chose GET as the first charity to receive their support throughout 2023. GET is known for its free bookshops, which rescue books from being discarded and offers them for free to customers. The donation box at Queensmere Observatory encourages shoppers to contribute both new and used reading materials, including magazines and children's books.

The Giving Box is conveniently located in front of the Global Educational Trust shop on the Observatory side of the Mall. Slough shoppers are encouraged to take part in this initiative by donating reading materials, thereby supporting GET's mission to provide educational opportunities for all.

[Read more about this](#)

An Update on Ban Box Shifting

As part of our ongoing effort to raise awareness of unethical business rates avoidance schemes, we are working with Sapience Communications on an Open Letter to the government, requesting them to extend the occupation period for rates exemption from six weeks to six months, following the example of the Welsh and Scottish governments.



The aim of this is to secure crucial funding for public services and promote a fairer, more sustainable approach to business rates.

If you would like to find out more, please head to banboxshifting.org

Find out more about our Rainbow Rising Initiative

Rainbow Rising are experts in high street regeneration - bringing together the needs of local businesses, local government and local communities.

Rainbow Rising reduces landlords' costs and gives charitable organisations access to amazing temporary rent-free space with which to inspire our world.



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