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Salvation Army Trading Company Ltd (SATCoL) is appealing for volunteers to help in its charity shops in Bruntsfield and Leith.

The Salvation Army's Bruntsfield and Leith shops sell everything from clothes and accessories to books and household items. Area Manager for SATCoL, Alan Rankin comments:

"We rely on the generosity of our volunteers because they play such a vital role within our charity shops. Perhaps you have a flare for shop window dressing, maybe great customer service skills or even have a good eye for an antique? No matter your experience, there are all sorts of jobs that we need help with and we provide all the training you need. There's also an opportunity to become a volunteer Key Holder, which is a position of responsibility with the opportunity to get involved in lots of different aspects of running a retail business. If you think you can spare any time at all, from a few hours to a few days a week, please do get in touch – we'd love to hear from you."

Volunteering is a good way to learn new skills or brush up on old ones and it can be a lot of fun too. William Robertson, who is 46 and has been a volunteer at the charity shop in Dunfermline for four years commented: "When I first joined the team at my local shop I had very little confidence, but that has all changed. I have received training of all sorts, including till operating and stock rotation. I've developed my personal and customer service skills and I'm now very proud to be a Key Holder. I love working in such a happy environment – our customers are great and everyone you speak to is so friendly. I would definitely encourage others to become a volunteer as it's an opportunity to learn new things and work in a happy, friendly place."

Profit SATCoL receives through the sale of donated items contributes to The Salvation Army to help fund its valuable work with people who are vulnerable and in need across the UK, including homelessness and addiction services, care for older people, help at emergency incidents, support for adult victims of human trafficking in England and Wales and a Family Tracing Service. Over the last five years alone SATCoL has donated over £39.5 million to The Salvation Army.

For more information on becoming a volunteer simply pop into either the Bruntsfield or Leith Walk shops.

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Edinburgh College has been shortlisted for three prestigious marketing awards, recognising achievements in marketing courses, catering for students' needs and communicating with

staff.

The College Development Network (CDN) Marketing Awards 2015 – which take place next Wednesday (25 February) – are designed to recognise and celebrate the excellent marketing and communication practice taking place in colleges across Scotland.

The college is shortlisted for the following awards:

The Internal Communications Award, for communications around the college's first staff conference in June 2014. The staff conference brought all the staff together to take part in workshops around the theme of innovation, covering technology, sustainability, teaching and learning, the workplace of the future and outward innovation.

The Customer Experience Award, for the college's Centre for Creative Industries student Employability Day. The day was designed to develop students' understanding of employers' needs, give them insight into how they can make themselves as employable as possible, and promote positive destinations. Professionals from a wide range of creative industries ran workshops, talked to groups of students and shared their expertise.

The Integrated Marketing Campaign Award, in recognition of the success of marketing campaign held to promote, and increase, applications for college courses starting in January 2014. The campaign used the theme 'Of course you can' and achieved the highest attendance recorded for an open day at Edinburgh College or at any of its legacy colleges.

Edinburgh College interim principal Elaine McMahon said: "Being shortlisted for these awards is a great achievement and our staff deserve huge congratulations. It's fantastic to see the creative work put into supporting, encouraging and communicating with students and staff being recognised in this way.

“The Creative Industries Employability Day was a fine example of the focus college staff put upon preparing students for working life in a competitive market and was so successful that the event will run again in February.

“The nomination for the staff conference is a welcome credit for the work done to build a sense of community in the still newly merged Edinburgh College.

“It is also satisfying to see that the work of our marketing and communications staff to promote the range of courses on offer at the college has been recognised. Their hard work led to a highly successful open day and the college meeting student recruitment targets for the year.”

Last year, Edinburgh College achieved a silver award in the Internal Communications category and bronze in the Event category in the CDN Marketing Awards 2014.

The Pilton Community Health Project is organising two hustings before the General Election 2015. Candidates for **Edinburgh North and Leith** have been invited to attend hustings on **Thursday 19th March** from 6.30 – 8pm at **Royston Wardieburn Community Centre**. A light soup supper will be available from 6 with questions starting from 6.30. The event will be Chaired by Harry Woodward.

Candidates for **Edinburgh West** have been invited to attend hustings on **Thursday 26th March** from 6.30 -8pm at **Muirhouse Community Centre**. A light soup supper will be available from 6 with questions starting from 6.30. The event will be Chaired by Harry Woodward.

[More information here.](#)



West End Community Council need some new members.

Your Community Council Needs You

The Community is looking for members of the public that live within the CC Boundaries to join them and make the West End a place to live. If you are interested come along to our next meeting on 3 March at 7.30pm at Ashfield 61 Melville Street Edinburgh.

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