



INDIVIDUAL MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Charity begins at home and that very much happened in Autumn 2009 Volunteer Workout were fortunate when Suzanne contacted them looking for an opportunity to use her expert skills to good use. Suzanne supported Volunteer Workout Project for four hours a week over a four month period.

With an IT industry customer services background she worked on the Volunteer Workout website to ensure it was not only user friendly but also worked for the project.

Using her background in human resources she advised on a number of policies and ensured that they were not only compliant, but also user friendly. The employer supported volunteering policy adopted by Voluntary Action is now used as a toolkit for other companies so that they can put in place their own policy and is available on www.VolunteerWorkout.org.

Another example of an individual making a difference is Caroline, one of the receptionist team at Dunn and Bradstreet in Marlow who contacted Volunteer Workout to find suitable interesting opportunities for her to use two employer supported volunteering days to make a difference to fit her skills and interests.

Caroline's concern and interest in animals and in particular dogs found her spending one of those days at Stokenchurch Dog Rescue. On a miserable winter's day she supported the housekeeping team by taking some of the rescued canines for a walk but also with some of the day to day tasks.

Her second day was giving administrative support to The Priory Centre (now part of Community Impact Bucks). The Priory Centre Winter newsletter needed processing and sending out. With Suzanne's additional support the newsletter was posted out on time to over 300 charities and organisations that use volunteers.