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# Tour de France volunteering ‘A once in a lifetime opportunity’ - Excitement builds in Wales as volunteer roles announced

**People across Wales have the opportunity to play their part in one of the world’s biggest sporting events by volunteering for the Tour de France Grand Départ 2027.**

Around 1,000 volunteers will be needed in Wales for the third stage of the men's race on 4 July 2027. The stage starts in Welshpool, passes through iconic landscapes, scenic valleys and bustling town centres, before finishing in Cardiff.

Volunteers will play a vital role in supporting the event, from welcoming visitors and assisting spectators to helping ensure the smooth running of activities along the route.

Anyone aged 16 and over is encouraged to apply - no prior experience is needed and full training is provided.

Wales Council for Voluntary Action will work with Welsh Government to ensure volunteering for the Tour can open doors to further opportunities across Wales using [Volunteering Wales](#). The national volunteering platform for Wales provides a single, easy-to-use place for organisations to promote volunteering and for individuals to browse hundreds of volunteering opportunities that match their interests, skills, and availability across Wales.

[Volunteering opportunities specifically linked to the Tour de France Grand Départ](#) will be available from 27 May to 1 September 2026.

**Commenting on the launch of the application portal, Cabinet Minister for Culture and Sport, Heledd Fychan said:**

‘The Tour de France coming to Wales is a once in a lifetime opportunity. It’s our chance to build on the legacy of Geraint Thomas, inspire a new generation to get on their bikes, and show the world the very best of Wales.

‘As a volunteer, you’ll help Wales share its unique “Croeso” while being part of a history-making event, meeting new people, celebrating your community and developing skills to boost your employability.

‘Whether you’re a seasoned volunteer or completely new, everyone is welcome. I encourage anyone interested to represent their community through the Grand Départ.’

**Regular volunteer at cycling events, Mavis Evans from Flintshire added:**

‘I volunteered as a crossing point in 2014 when the Tour de France last came to the UK, and it was an incredibly special experience. It gives me goosebumps just thinking about the Tour returning to home soil. If you’re thinking about volunteering, my advice would be to just do it. Events can’t run without volunteers - your help genuinely makes a difference.’

**Deputy Chief Executive for the Wales Council for Voluntary Action, Matt Brown said:**

‘Volunteers will be at the heart of bringing the Tour de France to Wales in 2027. We are delighted to be partnering with Welsh Government on the Tour de France to inspire a lasting volunteering legacy that will strengthen communities across Wales for years to come.’

**NOTES TO EDITORS**

- Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) is the national support body for voluntary organisations in Wales. We exist to enable voluntary organisations in Wales to make a bigger difference together. You can learn more at: [www.wcva.cymru](http://www.wcva.cymru).

- In 2027, the Tour de France and Tour de France Femmes avec Zwift will both begin in the United Kingdom – the first time both Grand Départs have taken place in the same country, outside France. The application portal is open and will be open until Tuesday 1 September 2026 - [www.letourgb.com/volunteer](http://www.letourgb.com/volunteer).
- For wider volunteering opportunities in Wales visit [Volunteering Wales](#).

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