

5<sup>th</sup> November 2013

## BT Employees to Volunteer at Museum

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
10.30am to 4.00pm

**A team of sixteen BT employees will be giving up their time next week to take part in a community project and team building day at the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford.**

BT employees from across the country will be rolling up their sleeves and donning their decorating gear as they start paintwork on the Museum's World War Two Hut, used by thousands of school children each year. The team of volunteers will also become curators for the day as they assist Museum staff in cataloguing their extensive handling collection for schools, which includes uniforms, hats and RAF memorabilia.

By volunteering in the community, BT provided more than £13m of in-kind support and assistance, some 43,600 days last year. They offer all employees up to three days a year of work time to volunteer for initiatives and develop partnerships with charities and community groups where they can share their skills. In addition, as people often want to support their local community, they are given the opportunity to volunteer for activities they are personally passionate about.

**Graham Wood from BT Technology, Service & Operations said:**

*"Our employees can play an important role in their local communities. This benefits our business as volunteering helps our people to develop new skills and feel good about working for BT. When our team was looking for an opportunity do a volunteering event I came up with an idea to see if we could help out RAF Museum Cosford, which is a particular favorite Museum of mine. A few phone calls later we had a venue and a task which more than fulfilled our needs. The Museum provides a wonderful backdrop for the work we will be doing, we have people from many parts of the UK coming and I hope they will be able to enjoy not only the volunteering activities but the chance to explore the Museum's many exhibits"*

Team building activities will also be high on the agenda with the volunteers working together to build a paper rocket and firing it across the Museum's hangar before trying their hand at making parachutes that can safely descend with parcels of chocolate from a high level viewing gallery to the ground. The day will conclude with a team photo of all the volunteers dressed up in wartime clothing and uniform next to the wartime classroom they have been painting.

For more information about the RAF Museum or how your organisation can volunteer and make a difference please visit [www.rafmuseum.org](http://www.rafmuseum.org) or call the Museum's Access and Learning Department on 01902 376200.

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## Notes to Editors:

- BT employees from across the country including Stone, Birmingham, Coventry, Tamworth, Cardiff, London, Leominster, Martlesham Heath near Ipswich and Colchester will be volunteering at the RAF Museum Cosford.
- Volunteering is part of BT's Better Future Programme - our commitment to give something back to the communities in which we operate and is just one of a range of programmes that make up our extensive employee volunteering programme.
- Royal Air Force Museum Cosford, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8UP
- Open daily from 10am
- Free admission
- RAF Museum Cosford images & logo available at:  
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