



## Time for Teesside

**Employer: Education Training Collective**

**Area: Stockton**

**Theme: Charity / Volunteering**



Summer 2023 saw our all-new Time for Teesside get off to a flying start. Around 250 Etc. colleagues took part in 21 local projects, totalling around 2000 volunteering hours. Projects included revamping a community garden at low grange community centre in Billingham, supporting the shopfloor and sorting donations at the Daisy Chain Superstore in Stockton, volunteering at Mazi's Mate's to walk dogs and litter picking across Teesside on Recar beach, in Ingelby Barwick and much more.

This was an activity where not only could we, as a large college Group in the area, give something back to the community, but where we could spend some time away from our busy college lives, to do something active and as an opportunity to speak to some colleague that we never usually spend time with.

*"Elizabeth Eddy, senior administrator at Bede Sixth Form College, said that: "myself and three colleagues, Chris, Andrew, and Lou, spent time at the Teesside Hospice shop in Yarm. We were made to feel very welcome, learned how much more goes into getting charity donations from collection bag t the shop floor than we realised! I would be very keen to see the initiative continue – perhaps more regularly so that more people can experience it. Time for Teesside was meant to give back, but I definitely felt I benefitted from it.""*

***"Karina Le Fevre, Group Marketing Officer bathed and socialised puppies***



*at Dogs Trust and said: “I was grateful we were given the time out of the office to give back.” And “The day itself was very fulfilling and something different to the everyday.””*

*“Heather Whyman, Chief Executive Officer at MAIN, Finlay Cooper Centre, North Ormesby, said: “we really appreciate everything the team did for us, for giving their time, providing the materials, and fencing off the back of the play area. It was a brilliant day.””*

