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## Southend Association of Voluntary Services Media Release



### Community Groups Keen to Nominate their Volunteers! Volunteer Awards/Volunteers Week 1-7 June

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#### **Excellent photo opportunities are expected at both events**

The annual Southend Volunteer Centre Awards will be held at Porters during Volunteers week on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2011 and the Volunteer Centre was thrilled to receive **more than a 100 nominations!** Emily Middlemast (Volunteer Centre Manager) said: *"We are looking forward to recognising the contribution these special people make to our community so selflessly"*.

The Volunteer Centre Southend (Alexandra Street, Southend) will be taking part in a number of activities to mark National Volunteers Week during 1-7 June. Volunteering is a great way of meeting new people, brushing up old skills and learning new ones whilst benefiting your local community. On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June **there will be a one off Volunteering opportunity in Belfair's Park** the volunteers will then be going out into the park and woods to talk to residents about what they would like to see happening in their park and how the conservation centre can benefit the community. Emily added: *"If you would like to find out more about volunteering or the kinds of opportunities that are available please do come and speak to me!"*. If you would like further information about volunteering please call Emily on 01702 356060.

**Background: Volunteer Centre Southend** offers assistance to those wishing to volunteer and to local groups who are seeking volunteers. Volunteers can make an appointment with the Centre to see what is on offer. Opportunities can also be seen online at [www.do-it.org.uk](http://www.do-it.org.uk). This service is completely free and the office can offer a fully accessible and confidential space to discuss your needs.

**Web:** [www.savs-southend.org/volunteering](http://www.savs-southend.org/volunteering)

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