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Southend Association of Voluntary Services Media Release
Volunteer Centre Southend receives a quality standard award



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The Volunteer Centre Southend is proud to announce that it has achieved its VCQA working in partnership with Volunteer Centres Essex. The 'Volunteer Centre Quality Accreditation' (or VCQA) is valid for three years and is a quality framework for Volunteer Centres set by Volunteering England.

The assessment process for the VCQA allows the volunteer centre to identify and build on any strengths and tackle any weaknesses; to look at ways of increasing the numbers of people volunteering and to ensure that efficient monitoring and evaluation procedures are in place.

Emily Middlemast, Volunteer Centre Manager, said: *"Completing the VCQA means that the Volunteer Centre Southend is able to provide a better service for its users as well as becoming a stronger organisation with increased credibility with its partners"*.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Emily on 01702 356060 for further information or visit www.savs-southend.org/volunteering

Background:

Volunteer Centre Southend

Volunteer Centre Southend offers assistance to those wishing to volunteer and to local groups who are seeking volunteers. The Centre is in the reception area at the SAVS Centre in Alexandra Street, Southend. Volunteers can make an appointment with the Centre to see what is on offer and opportunities can also be seen online at the SAVS website using the 'do-it' database. Volunteer Centre services are completely free of charge. Volunteer Centre Southend is supported by Southend Association of Voluntary Services.

Southend Association of Voluntary Services or **SAVS** as we are more frequently known, is a council for voluntary service. Their job is to advise and support local, not-for-profit groups.

Websites:

www.savs-southend.org/volunteering

<http://www.volunteering.org.uk/WhatWeDo/Local+and+Regional/Volunteer+Centre+Quality+Accreditation>