



*At the Cardinal Hume Centre we work hard to find volunteers a role to match their interests and areas of expertise. It's one of the reasons our volunteers enjoy working with us so much. With a career history in the arts and an interest in fashion, volunteer Valerie decided to give up a few hours each week to work in*

*our charity shop, a veritable treasure trove of pre-loved items, on Horseferry Road.*

Valerie decided to start volunteering at the Centre after she received one of our flyers through her letter box. It was during the cold spell in March and Valerie had been particularly affected and shocked by the number of young homeless people she saw living on the streets in such appalling conditions. She wanted to help in a more sustainable way than offering a few pounds and so she came to see us.

With a background in the arts and an interest in fashion, Valerie felt she was best suited to volunteering in the shop. On her very first day it was clear she'd made the right decision. Valerie spotted a striking photographic print of David Bowie taken by legendary rock photographer Mick Rock. She instantly recognised this famous work and knew that a genuine print could sell for big money. After calling up a range of auction houses and galleries Valerie received a valuation of £1000 from Rosebery's, a value which the print went on to achieve at auction.

This fantastic result shows just how valuable our volunteers are to our organisation. Each person has their own area of expertise which can benefit the people we help.

"I like the individuality of the Centre," says Valerie. "It doesn't feel corporate with everyone locked in little boxes. Everyone here is human and tunes in to your interests and what you're good at."

To find out more about volunteering at the Cardinal Hume Centre please go to <https://www.cardinalhumecentre.org.uk/help-us/volunteering/>