

IICF's 2016 Week of Giving brings together expertise, charities and individuals

The Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation (IICF) Week of Giving was held for the first time in the UK in October, with people from across the insurance industry donating their time to a range of UK charities.

IICF brings together charities, companies and individuals, and the 2016 Week of Giving helped 88 people contribute more than 250 hours of service to diverse non-profit organisations across the UK. The time donated delivered IT support, English workshops, decorating and setting-up employability clubs.

For the charities, the time donated during IICF's Week of Giving helps in several ways. "The opportunity to connect with volunteers within the insurance sector helped us put on a high-quality family learning event," says Jasmine Morris, corporate partnerships manager at the Bromley by Bow Centre. "The volunteers from CNA Hardy led the craft activities, which enabled our family learning teams to focus on observing the children's interactions as part of their development plan. IICF's support gave us the opportunity to bring together families from across a number of our projects and partner organisations."

From the volunteer's perspective Sydonie Williams, a senior marine underwriter at Gen Re, said that working through the IICF meant it was simple to set up a clothes drive for Smart Works, a UK-based charity that provides high quality interview clothes, styling advice and interview training to women in need.

"Smart Works were very easy to work with and provided us with great materials and posters to help us promote the clothes drive internally," says Sydonie. "We simply allocated a conference room for colleagues to drop the clothes off in and then delivered them locally. It was a great way to introduce my office to the IICF and a very worthwhile cause."

Overall, volunteers helped six charities: Community Café at Brighton Park, Medecins Sans Frontieres, Providence Row, Richard House Children's Hospice, Smart Works and The Bromley By Bow Centre.

We would like to thank AFL, Applied Systems, Axco, CNA Hardy, Crescent Global, Gen Re, KPMG, Prosek Partners and XL Catlin for supporting their teams and enabling them to donate time.

About The Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation: The Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation is an international industry specific non-profit organization focusing on giving back to the local communities where participants reside and work. Since being formed in 1994, IICF has donated over USD23.5m in local community grants and contributed nearly 200,000 hours of volunteer service focusing on five central pillars; education, health and safety, children at risk, the environment and disaster preparedness. www.iicf.org