



# Peter Wanless Chief Executive Big Lottery Fund



# Why is volunteering important?



- Health and well being
- Social and educational skills
- Influencing peers
- Challenging stereotypes
- Building civic engagement



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# Creating a volunteering culture



- Projects led by young people for young people
- Passion and motivation
- Bringing people together

# Big Lottery Fund experience includes:



- Young People's programme
- Veterans Reunited
- Out of School Hours Learning



[www.foodforlife.org.uk](http://www.foodforlife.org.uk)

# The Big Boost



[www.blastbeat.org](http://www.blastbeat.org)

# Questions



1. Barriers and removing them?
2. Involvement of those not easily heard?
3. Community involvement?
4. Leading role for Young People?