



Passion. Opportunity. Change

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Toolkit

**Celebrating student volunteers across
Western Australia**

#NSVW2022

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Message from our CEO, Tina

National Student Volunteer Week celebrates the positive impact students and young people have on the community through volunteering. It is also an opportunity to promote the many benefits of volunteering in the hope of inspiring others.

This toolkit provides ideas and resources to help your organisation celebrate this special week and acknowledge student and young volunteers for their kindness and care for others.

Join Volunteering WA as we celebrate this year's theme: **Passion. Opportunity. Change.** There is no doubt that young people are finding their passion through volunteering, and relishing the opportunity to make a change in the world.

Happy volunteering!

Tina Williams, Volunteering WA Chief Executive Officer



National Student Volunteer Week

National Student Volunteer Week (NSVW), held 8 - 14 August acknowledges and celebrates student volunteers, and promotes volunteering to students and young people across Australia.

We invite all students, education providers, and volunteer involving organisations across Western Australia to participate in National Student Volunteer Week.

National Student Volunteer Week gives students the opportunity to lead others in connecting to their community through volunteering. Students are provided with the chance to explore the personal and professional benefits of volunteering, which include valuable work experience, enhanced feelings of self-worth, refinement of values, increased understanding of people, local and global issues, and reduced social isolation. NSVW also recognises the significant skills, ideas, enthusiasm, creativity, and time that young people contribute through volunteering.

2022 Theme

The theme for National Student Volunteer Week 2022 is **PASSION. OPPORTUNITY. CHANGE**

It explores how students can realise their dreams and effect change across the world and it all starts with the act of giving time to a cause they believe in.

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What is student volunteering?

Volunteering is time willingly given for the common good and without financial gain.

It is a choice made by you to make a difference. Volunteering is about supporting non-profits or community groups by willingly giving your time, skills and enthusiasm to become involved and take action on issues that are important to you.

Volunteering and employability

Up to 85% of employers believe volunteering to be just as credible as paid work.

If you're having trouble finding the right role in your industry, volunteering could be an easier way to reinforce your resume and your skill set.

92% of employers said that relevant volunteering experience gives candidates an edge in job interviews. It's a great talking point that can help you make a connection with a potential employer.

If you're working towards a paid position in a socially responsible organisation, volunteering experience will be a strong indication of your integrity. Regardless of the field, employers see volunteers as trustworthy, proactive and motivated.

Download Resources

A suite of resources has been developed and is available for all participants to assist with planning and executing volunteering activities as well as promoting volunteer events and campaigns.

Be sure to check volunteeringwa.org.au/nsvw and our social media channels regularly as more resources are uploaded. These include the National Student Volunteer Week 2022 Toolkit, logos, social media tiles, and email banners.

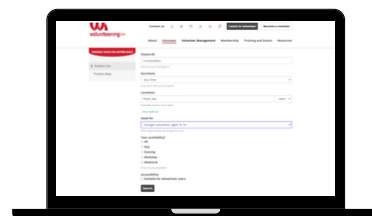


How to volunteer

Volunteering WA website

Search for a volunteer position easily and quickly on the national volunteer database where thousands of positions are listed on behalf of organisations across Western Australia.

You can customise your search by specifying the cause you would like to support, how much time you can commit and the location that best suits you.



There are a number of ways to find volunteering roles to match your skills and interests through using our [volunteer role search tool](#).

YVolunteer

Are you in high school or just graduated and looking for volunteering opportunities as a pathway to job readiness?

The [YVolunteer](#) program, enables young people aged 15 to 24 years old to get involved in volunteering, gain new skills, build meaningful social connections and confidence.



Start exploring for your volunteering experience [here](#).

Universities, education providers and schools

Western Australian universities support volunteering through their Student Guilds – get in touch with your Guild to see what volunteering you can get involved in. Many high schools also offer ways to volunteer – ask your school how they can support you.

- [UWA Guild Volunteering](#)
- [Curtin Volunteers!](#)
- [ECU Volunteering](#)
- [Murdoch Guild Volunteering](#)
- [Notre Dame Volunteer Network](#)
- TAFE

VWA Volunteer Society

VWA Volunteer Society is born from Volunteering WA. We work to connect thousands of young volunteers and community organisations across Western Australia.

It is an ally to joy-seeking, vibe hunting, supportive and passionate young people.



Shape your volunteering experience with social, upskill or expert volunteering. Check out the [website](#).

Ways to get involved

Celebrate on socials

Join in the conversation on social media using the hashtag **#NSVW2022**



Share photos of your National Student Volunteer Week activities using the hashtag above and tag **@VolunteeringWA**

Sample Social Media Posts

- This National Student Volunteer Week, we acknowledge and celebrate student volunteers and young people across Western Australia. **#NSVW2022 @VolunteeringWA**
- **[Our organisation/school]** would like to celebrate and thank our young volunteers for giving their time and kindness to the community this National Student Volunteer Week. **#NSVW2022 @VolunteeringWA**
- It's **#NSVW2022** and **[our organisation/school]** is celebrating our wonderful volunteers. We are thankful for the generous contribution our young volunteers have given to the community. Our volunteers can realise their dreams and effect change across the world. **@VolunteeringWA**

Looking for inspiration?

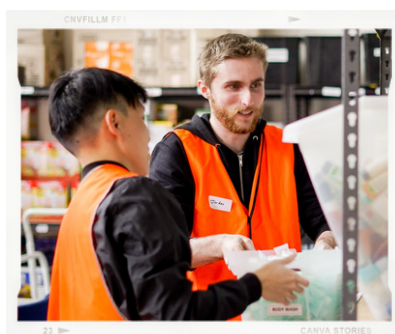
There are thousands of ways you can support, encourage, and enhance volunteering within your school or organisation. We have a list of ideas for you to browse and get inspired!

For schools:

- Hold **micro-volunteering sessions** where busy students can lend a hand for a short amount of time on easy tasks such as preparing care parcels, card making or packing for charity events.
- **Arrange for inspiring speakers** to talk to students about volunteering, making an impact, boosting employability or exploring the current needs of the volunteering sector.

For organisations:

- Nominate your young volunteers for the WA Volunteer of the Year Awards, nominations open in January each year – awards.volunteeringwa.org.au
- Hold an **awards ceremony** or recognition event where student volunteers are publicly acknowledged for their significant contribution.
- **Say thanks** by writing a letter, giving a personal phone call, or a newsletter feature.
- Facilitate **personal and professional development workshops** which enable student volunteers to reach their potential and grow into responsible young leaders.





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