

Volunteering Students & Young People

Volunteering happens in different sectors, you can volunteer opportunities in the arts & media, events, community support, educational, health, social justice, aged, disability and many more.

Below are some services that take on students and young people:

TRADES / MAINTENANCE

Clean Up Australia – Volunteer to participate in Clean Up Australia or other Clean Up projects.
<http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/>

Conservation Volunteers - Conservation Volunteers welcomes people with a love of the outdoors and interest in the environment to get involved. Our volunteers include students, professionals, international visitors, retirees; in fact almost anybody can get involved. You don't need any prior skills or experience, just a reasonable level of health and fitness.

<http://conservationvolunteers.com.au/get-involved/volunteer/>

Landcare – Find a Landcare group in your area and get involved in tree-planting and other ways of looking after the land. http://www.landcareonline.com.au/?page_id=79

Strathfield Rotary Club, Graffiti Program - The Rotary Club of Strathfield will try and eliminate existing graffiti in our local community and eventually make it graffiti free. Rotary Club of Strathfield needs Volunteers to help with Rotary's "Graffiti Removal Project", which comprises a purpose build box trailer, complete with water blaster and graffiti removal consumables. Volunteers would work in conjunction with Strathfield Rotarians (perhaps twice a month on a roster/rotation basis).

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W: <http://rotarnet.com.au/users/9/96933/graffiti/graffiti.htm>

HEALTH

Heart Foundation – Volunteer opportunities include the annual Door Knock Appeal, event organisation and participation, and project work for students. <http://heartfoundation.org.au/get-involved/volunteer>

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Australian Red Cross - We have volunteering opportunities within our Telecross program at the Australian Red Cross. The Telecross program supports older Australians and people with an illness or disability, live independently and remain connected with their community through free daily phone calls to check on their wellbeing. If the call goes unanswered, Red Cross initiates an emergency procedure and arranges help if required.

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W: <http://volunteering.redcross.org.au/vw/en/#/job/494679/telecross-volunteer-caller-weekday-st-andrews-house>

Australian Relief Organisation Limited - Australian Relief Organisation (ARO) was established on August 2012 as a Not for Profit (NFP) and Non-Government Organisation (NGO) that is involved in the development, relief, and advocacy activities for a better world. Ongoing local projects: Refugee Support Services. Feed the Homeless, Social Inclusion visits and Clothing Appeal Bins

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Website: www.aro.org.au

Burwood Youth Advisory Group (Byag) - is a group of young people organising youth programs by involving young people in the community and raising awareness and recognition of talents that many young people have. BYAG members receive training to gain professional event management, coordinator, and project development and communication skills. BYAG is about young people working with the community.

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W: <http://www.burwood.nsw.gov.au/youth.html>

Blind Golf NSW - The Blind Golf NSW is an independent organisation established to coordinate and promote the sporting and recreational interests of blind men and women of all ages. The Blind Golf NSW is seeking Volunteer Golf Guides to assist Vision Impaired Golfers from tee to green. This will vary upon the amount of Vision Impairment each golfer has ranging from ball spotting right down to club placement for totally blind players. Barnwell Park Golf Course, Five Dock, Saturday – 11am to 4pm

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W: <http://www.blindgolf.com.au/>

Exodus Foundation - Every year, more than 1000 dedicated individuals, schools, community groups and corporate organisations donate their time and expertise to make a real difference to the lives of the homeless and at-risk in our community.

- Preparing and serving meals in our free Loaves and Fishes Restaurant and at our mobile food service in Sydney's CBD.
- Providing support and referral services to our guests and those at-risk during meal service delivery.
- Providing valuable administration assistance.
- Providing an extensive range of professional Social Health and Wellbeing Services to those clients who have trouble accessing mainstream services.
- Providing Exodus with professional advice and support.

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Website: www.exodusfoundation.org.au

The Smith Family - From volunteering in one of our retail stores to holding your own fundraising event or running the famous City2Surf to raise money for us, there are lots of ways to get involved. <https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/get-involved>

Mission Australia - Mission Australia is blessed to work with thousands of people from all walks of life who selflessly donate their time and talents to help Australians in need. Among our volunteers are retirees, students, people wishing to make friends and develop new skills, and men and women who have been supported through tough times and want to 'pay it forward' in the community.

<https://www.missionaustralia.com.au/support/volunteer#sthash.BsUQzYKr.dpuf>

WORKING WITH ANIMALS

Taronga Zoo – Teens participate in a variety of activities both inside and outside of the Zoos, throughout all school holidays and occasionally during the school term. Participants get the opportunity to learn about many aspects of our Zoos, while the Zoos benefit from having access to a group of young people with energy, motivation and a genuine interest in animals.

<https://taronga.org.au/education/youth-zoo-yatz>

RSPCA - Volunteers are an integral part of the RSPCA NSW team. They play an active and vital role in helping to support our work to improve the welfare of animals, and protect them from cruelty and neglect. Volunteering involves commitment, dedication and passion. It's a fantastic way to meet new people and be directly involved in the animal welfare cause.

<https://www.rspcansw.org.au/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/>

FUNDRAISING / EVENTS

Daffodil Day - One way you can show you care about beating cancer this Daffodil Day is to volunteer your time to help sell Cancer Council's merchandise.

<https://www.daffodilday.com.au/volunteer/volunteer-for-daffodil-day/>

Cancer Council - Volunteering can be a lot of fun and is a great way of meeting people and finding new friends in your local area. Many volunteers also benefit from learning new skills and building up valuable work experience, often assisting them in getting paid work in the future.

Read more at <http://www.cancercouncil.com.au/16047/get-involved/volunteer/introduction-to-volunteering/volunteer-fact-faqs/#LYx63W1JmK4dmEHk.99>

The Sunsuper Ride To Conquer Cancer & The Weekend Of End Women's Cancers –

Volunteers held at outreach events and fundraisers, and support at Training Rides. 4 days and more work, event is in October + November every year. Volunteers help out for 4-5 shifts at the start and finish locations and camp. They help check in Riders, assist with pack pick up, and manage the jersey exchange and park bikes. They also assist with setting up on campsite tents and helping riders find their tent assignment number.

Contact details: Kat Coppins; M: 0435 474 729; E: kcoppins@conquercancer.org.au

W: http://sy14.conquercancer.org.au/site/PageServer?pagename=14_crew

Strathfield Red Shield Appeal – Sunday 26th May 2017 - would need to work with an adult collector. The Red Shield Appeal is The Salvation Army's primary annual fundraising drive. The Red Shield Appeal Doorknock takes place on the weekend of 24-25 May 2014, and it offers Australians from all walks of life a chance to not only get behind the Salvos but to be part of transforming the lives of people right around the country.

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W: <https://www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au/news-and-events/events-calendar/strathfield-red-shield-appeal>

Vision Australia - At Vision Australia we have more than 4,500 volunteers and support approximately 50,000 people who are blind or have low vision - we rely heavily on the funds from generous donations and fundraising efforts.

<http://www.visionaustralia.org/fundraising-and-volunteering>

TUTORING / MENTORING

SPARK - Bright Sparks tutoring role would be great for the youth who are approaching you. Please just let them know they we are looking for a commitment of two school terms, one day a week. SPARK is an after-school program that provides educational, community and social support to newly arrived children and families of refugee backgrounds in selected primary schools in Western Sydney with significant numbers of refugee students. We are able to do this through the commitment of fantastic volunteers who spare one afternoon a week between Mondays to Thursday from 3.00pm-4.30pm to work with the SPARK participants.

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