



YOUTH PARTICIPATION & VOLUNTEERING

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PURPOSE



This resource outlines some of the youth participation and volunteering opportunities available to young people in and around Melbourne.

The opportunities included are within or adjacent to Port Phillip, Stonnington or Boroondara across a number of categories with interactive links for further information.



VOLUNTEER STATISTICS

* In the world of employment and job seeking, recruiters are overwhelmingly in favour of volunteering as a professional development tool

- 92% (of recruiters) believe volunteering expands an employee's professional skill set
- 85% are willing to overlook resume pitfalls when an employee includes volunteering on a resume.
- 82% are more likely to choose a candidate with volunteering experience
- 80% believe volunteering is an effective way to boost leadership skills
- 73% believe people who volunteer are more successful

* Data taken from the 2016 Deloitte Volunteerism Survey, June 2017

CATEGORIES

Arts and Culture

Community

Environment

Food and Hospitality

Health

Media and Radio

Sport and Recreation

Youth (Other)

Arts and Culture



Who: Candlelight Productions

Where: 137 Highfield road, Camberwell

Volunteer info: Candlelight Productions is a non-profit arts organisation that recruit volunteers throughout the year, producing major events every 3-4 months

Tasks: General assistance, event planning and management, front of house staffing, ticketing, IT, backstage, lighting and sound support, videography, photography, marketing, social media support, set design and building, costume design and construction, makeup, hospitality, and business development

Minimum Age: 15 (depending on maturity of volunteers). All volunteers under the age of 18 will require a permission form to be signed by a parent/guardian

Number of volunteers: Candlelight Prod's utilise around 100 volunteers each year

Contact: communications@candlelightproductions.com.au

Website: www.candlelightproductions.com.au



Who: Virgin Australia Melbourne Fashion Festival

Where: Royal Exhibition Building, 9 Nicholson St, Carlton. Plus various other official festival locations confirmed upon program launch

Volunteer info: The Virgin Australia Melbourne Fashion Festival is Australia's largest consumer fashion event staged annually in March, a celebration of Fashion, Arts and Ideas. Volunteer opportunities are based on previous experience, availability and an interview process (if required for specific roles). Applications are open from November each year, see website for details.

Tasks/Roles: Event Assistants, Front of House, Ushers, Back of House Assistants, Runway Production Assistants and Customer Service Assistants.

Minimum Age: 18 (licensed venues)

Number of volunteers: 150 – 200

Contact: volunteers@mff.com.au

Website: www.vamff.com.au/info/employment

Community



Who: Australian Red Cross

Where: Head Office - 155 Pelham Street, Carlton. Various other site locations

Volunteer info: The Australian Red Cross is a leading humanitarian aid and community services charity in Australia. Opportunities are available all year round. There is also a range of identified volunteer roles for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Online application process through the link below

Tasks: General, skilled, project and one off volunteer opportunities, self organised/community-led activities and programs

Minimum Age: 15

Number of volunteers: 200+ per month

Contact: 1800 833 489

Website: www.redcross.org.au/volunteer



Who: Cancer Council - Relay for Life

Where: Various event locations around Victoria

Volunteer info: Relay For Life brings communities together to celebrate cancer survivorship, remember loved ones lost and empower teams of families, friends and colleagues to raise money to fight back against cancer

Tasks: Assisting for 3-4 hours on the day of the event by setting up, registering participants, handling merchandise, helping transport people around. Some recruitment and coordination duties available for the right person

Minimum Age: 16 with parental consent for anyone under 18

Number of volunteers: Unlimited

Contact: Cancer Council Victoria 1300 65 65 85 or email cancercouncil.relayforlife@cancervic.org.au

Website: www.relayforlife.org.au/get-involved/volunteer



Vision Australia

Blindness. Low Vision. Opportunity.

Who: Vision Australia

Where: Head Office - 454 Glenferrie Rd, Kooyong. Various site and event locations

Volunteer info: With over 3000 volunteers, Vision Australia work to create equal opportunities for people who are blind or have low vision to get an education, get a job and to be as independent as they choose. They have a variety of opportunities across the year

Tasks: Volunteers can work across many areas such as: administration, client support, community advocacy and education, events, fundraising, library, recreation, radio, Seeing Eye Dogs and transport

Minimum Age: 12

Number of volunteers: Unlimited

Contact: volunteerservices@visionaustralia.org or phone: 1300 84 74 66

Website: www.visionaustralia.org/fundraising-and-volunteering/volunteer



Who: Life Saving Victoria

Where: Various life saving club locations across Victoria

Participation info: Interested volunteers should contact a life saving club to become a member. Volunteers partake in training opportunities to provide them the skills to patrol Victoria beaches and inland waterways. Life saving clubs provide a free service for the beach going public via thousands of volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to training, patrolling and volunteering. Life saving clubs patrol 57 Victorian beaches and inland waterways on weekends and public holidays, throughout peak summer period.

Roles include: Beach patrol, radio communications, first aid, administrative support, rescue boat drivers, coaching, officiating, plus many more opportunities.

Minimum Age: 13

Number of volunteers: Dependant on the life saving club

Contact: call 03 9676 6930 or email lifesavingoperations@lsv.com.au

Website: www.lsv.com.au

Environment



Who: Australian Youth Climate Coalition

Where: Head Office - 5, 60 Leicester St, Carlton. Various locations for events

Volunteer info: The AYCC is a group of young people building a movement towards leading solutions to the climate crisis. Volunteer opportunities are available year round.

Tasks: Age 15+ Event and action organising, recruitment and outreach for campaigns and projects, online and offline communications

Age 18+ Switched on Schools mentors. Mentoring high school aged students, run campaigns and projects in their schools

Minimum Age: 15 (Maximum age 30)

Number of volunteers: No limit

Contact: For general volunteering and Switched on Schools, contact - Angie Judd
angie.judd@aycc.org.au

Website: www.aycc.org.au



Who: Clean Up Australia

Where: Various site locations which are listed on their website

Volunteer info: Clean up Australia run a number of events including; Clean up every day, Clean Up Australia Day, as well as events at businesses, schools and for youth. Sites are listed on the website for volunteers to search

Tasks: Protection of beaches, waterways, parks or any shared spaces by cleaning them up and removing litter

Minimum Age: No age limits

Number of volunteers: No limit per site

Contact: cleanup@cleanup.com.au

Website: www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au



Conservation Volunteers

Who: Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA)

Where: Regional Office - 120 Rosslyn Street, West Melbourne. Projects are located across Melbourne, but depart from the Head Office. Volunteers are returned to the office at the end of the day

Volunteer info: CVA is an Australian not-for-profit conservation organisation that attracts and coordinates volunteers for environmental restoration projects. Volunteers are required to dress to a certain safety standards – ie long sleeves, sturdy shoes. This is to ensure that everyone is safe at work sites

Tasks: Conservation projects can include planting, weed control, seed collection, fencing, and many other activities

Minimum Age: 15

Number of volunteers: 9 volunteers per site, with 1-2 sites per day

Contact: Call 9326 8250 or email melbourne@cva.org.au

Website: www.conservationvolunteers.com.au

Health and Wellbeing



headspace

Who: headspace Elsternwick - Youth Advisory Committee

Where: 319-321 Glenhuntly Rd, Elsternwick

Participation info: Opportunities to join the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) through an expression of interest from - www.headspace.org.au/Elsternwick

Tasks and roles: Advocacy on youth mental health, working groups to develop activities, attendance at regular meetings participation in event organisation i.e. St Kilda Festival

Minimum Age: Currently 16-25. However, headspace also welcome interest from young people aged 12-15

Number of Participants: Dependent on vacancies

Contact: Call Sam Loy on 9076 7500 or email s.loy@alfred.org.au

Website: www.headspace.org.au/get-involved/#volunteer



St John First Aid

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THROUGH**



Who: St Johns Ambulance Australia Youth Program

Participation info: St John Youth Victoria engages young people between the ages of 12-18 years in a First Aid oriented youth program. An annual fee of \$120 is payable, with reduced rates for siblings. The fee covers uniform, training and most activities. Additional costs apply for some optional activities, including camps and some social activities

Tasks: Youth members participate in regular training sessions, and are encouraged to attend public events with experienced adult members, including qualified health professionals to provide First Aid and assistance to the community

Age: 12 - 18

Contact: volunteer@stjohnvic.com.au

Website: www.stjohnvic.com.au/volunteers/stjohnyouth.asp

Hospitality



Who: Society Melbourne

Where: Various locations across Melbourne including the CBD and Brunswick

Volunteer info: Three different roles available. The Crêpes for Change Van is a hospitality role for volunteers with limited experience who are happy to travel and love attending exciting events (average one event per fortnight). home.one cafe prefers volunteers with some hospitality experience, located in Brunswick with weekly shifts. The Coffee Cart Changing Lives requires trained and experience baristas as volunteers, shifts are fortnightly in the Melbourne

Tasks: Crêpes for Change = serving customers, making and serving delicious crêpes. home.one = serving customers, cleaning and general tasks, and assisting with food preparation. The Coffee Cart Changing Lives = running the coffee cart and training young people in our training

Minimum Age: 16

Website: www.society.melbourne/volunteer

Number of volunteers: Subject to availability **Contact:** tenille@society.melbourne



Who: Lentil as Anything

Where: 1/3 St Heliers St, Abbotsford, and 562-564 High St, Thornbury

Volunteer info: Hosting an A La Carte Breakfast, Buffet Lunch and A La Carte Dinner across 365 days of the year, there is a wide scope of opportunities. Volunteer Information sessions are held every Tuesday and Sunday at 4 pm at the Abbotsford site. There is no need to book in, participants can just turn up on the day

Tasks: General restaurant assistance, waiting tables, food preparation, event organisation, social media, urban gardening

Minimum Age: 10

Number of volunteers: Up to 20 per shift or 60 per day in Abbotsford, and up to 12 per shift and 25~ per day in Thornbury

Contact: Coordinator on 0422 376 238 or email: volunteers@lentilasanything.com

Website: www.lentilasanything.com

Media and Radio



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Who: SYN Media

Where: RMIT, Bldg 12, Level 3, Room 97, 402 Swanston Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

Volunteer info: Anyone 12-25 can make radio, TV, digital media or work behind the scenes at SYN. The first step is to attend a monthly SYN info session for new volunteers and fill out the RSVP form at the bottom of their website page, then complete their two day training course. No prior experience necessary

Tasks: Creating media, hosting radio programs/podcasts, engaging in SYN's professional development & mentorship programs. Crewing on film productions or editing content

Minimum Age: 12

Number of volunteers: Unlimited, as long as volunteers are keen

Contact: community@syn.org.au.

Website: www.syn.org.au/getinvolved



Who: Channel 31 - Melbourne and Geelong

Where: Level 11, 277 William Street, Melbourne

Volunteer info: Advertised via Facebook and the C31 website, volunteer roles can be hosted in the C31 office or off-site and hosted by independent production groups

Tasks: All types of production roles on an ad-hoc basis, including but not limited to camera operation, video editing, floor management, vision switching, live broadcasting, graphic design, social media marketing and community management

Minimum Age: 18 at the C31 office, no minimum at other sites

Number of volunteers: Approximately 80 per year at C31, others are site dependent

Contact: info@c31.org.au or www.facebook.com/groups/c31productionnoticeboard

Website: www.c31.org.au

Sport and Rec



Who: Scouts Victoria

Where: Victorian Scout Centre - 152 Forster Road, Mt Waverley, 3149. Various clubs around Victoria

Participation info: Youth leadership roles working with Joey Scouts, (5 - 7), Cub Scouts (8 - 11), Scouts (11 - 14), Venturers (15-17) . Training is required and provided. Selection for volunteer role requires WWC, police check, references and interview.

Tasks: Assisting with running group activities, administration support, youth leadership, attending meetings

Minimum Age: 18

Number of volunteers: Open

Contact: call 1800 726 887 or email reception@scoutsvictoria.com.au

Website: www.scoutsvictoria.com.au

Youth (Other)



Who: FReeZA Youth Committee

Where: City of Stonnington and Boroondara are among the 78 councils that have FReeZA committees

Participation info: FReeZA committees are groups of young people that organise events for other young people in their local communities, including live band gigs, dance parties and other cultural, recreational and artistic events. These are all drug, alcohol and smoke-free in supervised and safe environments

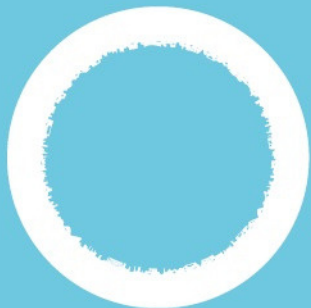
Tasks: As a committee member, young people come up with ideas, as well as organising and staging the events

Age: 12 - 25

Number of volunteers: Subject to availability

Contact: push@thepush.com.au

Website: www.thepush.com.au



Oaktree

Who: Oaktree

Where: 33 Lincoln Square S, Carlton

Participation info: Oaktree is Australia's largest youth-run anti-poverty organisation. Volunteers must be under the age of 26 and must have or be willing to obtain a Working with Children Check. Positions generally come available as members leave. Oaktree require a minimum 3 month commitment

Tasks/roles: Fundraising, campaigning, finance, legal, administration, international engagement, marketing, project/event management, recruitment, human resources, and communications

Age: 16 - 27

Number of Participants: Numerous positions as and when they are available

Contact: volunteer@oaktree.org

Website: www.oaktree.org



Who: YMCA Victoria Youth Parliament

Where: Residential camps are held at: YMCA Lake Dewar Lodge (bus provided from Melbourne CBD)

Participation info: YMCA Victoria Youth Parliament is a program designed to give young Victorians a chance to be heard at the highest levels of State Government, on a wide range of issues relevant to young people's lives. 20 teams of 6 participants receive training in public speaking and leadership at residential camps. Applications open for the duration of Term Four.

Tasks: Each team researches issues that they are passionate about. From this research they develop a Bill, which they debate in Victorian Parliament over three days each July.

Age: 16 - 25

Number of participants: 20 teams of 6 participants

Contact: Kergen Angel, youthparliament.vic@ymca.org.au

Website: www.vicyouth.ymca.org.au/programs/youth-parliament.html



Who: The Push

Where: Based in Collingwood (as of March 2020) but offer volunteer opps across VIC

Participation info: The Push is a state-wide youth music organisation delivering a range of programs and events that are relevant and responsive to Victoria's future music industry leaders and audiences. They are an advisory service to all Freeza committees

Tasks/roles: Run music Industry mentoring, masterclasses, workshops, employment pathways, internships and volunteering opportunities to participate at live music events in various roles. Positions on youth music advisory panels and event committees available. A limited number of work experience spots to secondary students every year

Age: 12 + (some age restrictions apply to some roles)

Number of Participants: Subject to Availability

Contact: push@thepush.com.au

Website: www.thepush.com.au



VOLUNTEER RESOURCE CENTRES



VOLUNTEER VICTORIA

Are the state peak body for volunteering, focussing on advocacy, sector development and the promotion of volunteering.

(Melbourne area)

03 8327 8500

www.volunteeringvictoria.org.au

T (03) 8327 8500

info@volunteeringvictoria.org.au

BOROONDARA VOLUNTEER RESOURCE CENTRE

Offer a range of free services to support both volunteers and community organisations seeking volunteers in Boroondara

(Camberwell, Hawthorn, Kew, Balwyn, Ashburton, Canterbury, Surrey hills)

03 9278 4450

www.boroondara.vic.gov.au

bvrc@boroondara.vic.gov.au

OTHER LOCAL RESOURCE CENTRES

South East Volunteers Inc
(Chadstone, Glen Waverley, Dandenong, Narre Warren, Oakleigh)
03 9562 0414

Community Info Glen Eira
(St Kilda, Bentleigh, Carnegie, Caulfield, Elsternwick, Dardenvale, Glenhuntly, Mckinnon, Ormond)
03 9571 7644



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