



What is the Youth Volunteer Connections Program (YVCP)?

YVCP is an individualized, custom program that assists youth interested in developing their skills, confidence, and community connections through volunteering. Youth receive personalized placement assistance plus ongoing support from YVCP staff and the placement agency.

Who is eligible to participate in this program?

All youth between the ages of 15 and 29 years of age are eligible to participate in this program, with emphasis on youth who are:

- ◆ Experiencing difficulty in finding a volunteer placement on their own
- ◆ At risk of dropping out of school
- ◆ Early school leavers
- ◆ Having difficulty finding employment
- ◆ Requiring support to (re)connect with the community

Finding a placement

Interested youth can find placements online through the Volunteer Victoria Database (http://volweb.ca/volweb/vc_homepage.php?CentreID=187) or with the support of the program staff. The program staff is there to make it easy to find a great fit for any youth interested in volunteering: from helping to find (or invent!) a position, to helping to make the first phone call or email, to checking in to see how the volunteer placement is working out. Ongoing support is offered to both the volunteers and the agencies if needed.

The program aims to increase the well being of its participants by:

- ◆ Placing youth in relevant non-profit agencies where volunteers feel they are meeting their goals for future or present skill development and community involvement.
- ◆ Creating an individualized plan of action for their volunteer placement, through one-on-one assessment and support.

How to connect with the YVCP?

- Youth can self-refer via phone, email or drop in
- Service providers, school counselors and/or peer helpers can act as a gateway to the program –referrals are welcome!

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