

## Volunteering and Work Experience

There are lots of organisations that regularly look for volunteers across Victoria. We have put together a list of volunteer organisations you could approach. It's not a complete list – it's just to get you thinking about where you could volunteer and the kind of work you'd like to do.

Some of these organisations have a strict process for assessing volunteers. You might need things like a police check or a working with children check. Some of these positions are also for specific roles that have certain requirements. You might need to go to an interview. You might need to do a training course or a trial before you can volunteer.

To find even more organisations seeking volunteers (and get some tips about volunteering), visit the Victorian Government's volunteering website: **Volunteering Victoria – [www.volunteeringvictoria.org.au](http://www.volunteeringvictoria.org.au)**

AREA	ORGANISATION	POTENTIAL ROLES
Education	<b>Museums Victoria</b> includes <b>Melbourne Museum, Scienceworks</b> and <b>Immigration Museum</b> .	Help visitors or assist with collections.
Health	<b>Cancer Council Victoria</b> provides cancer research, prevention and support. <b>St John Ambulance</b> works to save lives through first aid.	You can volunteer as an office volunteer, fundraising volunteer, or get involved with a Relay For Life event. They provide medical and first aid services at events. You can get involved in a number of ways.
Arts & Media	<b>Community Broadcasting Online</b> lets you find a community radio or TV station near you. You can then contact them about volunteering opportunities.	Types of roles may include administration, presentation, production, technical and sponsorship or media sales.

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Community Support	<p><b>The Smith Family</b> is a children’s charity helping disadvantaged children.</p> <p><b>Wesley Mission Victoria</b> is a community organisation that works with disadvantaged Victorians.</p> <p><b>Australian Red Cross</b> provides care during emergencies, as well as supporting vulnerable people in the community.</p>	<p>Volunteer mentoring high school students, or helping with homework, literacy or learning clubs.</p> <p>Support people with disability, help an older person, or assist with the annual Food for Families Christmas appeal.</p> <p>Visiting older people, gardening, sorting clothing donations, or working in emergency services volunteer teams.</p>
Social Justice	<p><b>Amnesty International Australia</b> campaigns for human rights and social justice.</p> <p><b>ANTaR (Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation) Victoria</b> campaigns for justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.</p> <p><b>Oxfam Australia</b> is an international organisation that works to alleviate poverty.</p>	<p>You can volunteer on an Australian-based campaign coordinating events, campaigning in the community, general office administration and reception.</p> <p>You can volunteer staffing stalls at community festivals, office administration, account keeping and merchandising and researching for submissions and grant applications.</p> <p>Volunteers work in customer service, research, editing, events and photography, among many other things.</p>

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Environment	<p><b>Clean Up Australia</b> works with communities to clean up, fix up and conserve our environment.</p> <p><b>Conservation Volunteers Australia</b> manages projects together with regional councils, national parks, museums, Landcare groups and other conservation groups.</p> <p><b>Country Fire Authority (CFA)</b> is a volunteer firefighting and emergency services organisation.</p> <p><b>Parks Victoria</b> looks after Victoria's national and state parks.</p>	<p>Clean Up Australia happens every Australia Day, but there are other events throughout the year you can get involved in.</p> <p>You can work on different types of conservation projects, including tree planting, fencing, weed control, track maintenance, and flora and fauna surveys.</p> <p>It can involve firefighting and emergency management, and support roles such as fundraising and community education.</p> <p>Activities like assisting park visitors, track maintenance, weed management and habitat restoration</p>

Source: [www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/jobs-and-careers/volunteering-and-work-experience/volunteering/organisations-that-accept-volunteers](http://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/jobs-and-careers/volunteering-and-work-experience/volunteering/organisations-that-accept-volunteers)

