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Be a UN Youth Volunteer, be inspiration in action

// How can a UN Volunteer complement the work of the United Nations?

Volunteering is one of the most vital delivery mechanisms for social, environmental and economic transformation, ensuring a lasting impact with its ability to change people’s mindsets, attitudes and behaviours. People become actors of change and equal partners in the attainment of local, national and international progress towards sustainable human development and global peace.

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme recognizes the shared universal values underpinning volunteerism – free will, commitment, equity, engagement, solidarity, compassion, empathy and respect for others. Since its establishment in 1970, UNV has enabled thousands of volunteers around the globe to contribute to advancing human development and fostering progress towards a better world.

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UNV manages a value-driven talent pool of global citizens motivated to contribute to the peace and development work of the United Nations. It is a diverse group; they come from all over the world and are ideally suited to areas where there is a need for innovation, community outreach, youth engagement, social media or work with marginalized communities.

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UN Youth Volunteers assist in the establishment of new national and sub-national volunteer schemes and enhance the capacity of local partners to mobilize and manage volunteers more effectively.

Advancing the role of youth engagement in local and national economic, social and environmental progress. UN Youth Volunteers support the innovative initiatives of young people, developing creativity and facilitating decision-making. UN Youth Volunteers are particularly involved in the promotion of youth engagement in different areas of development and peace – from economic to environmental – and on every scale, from local to national. In addition, UN Youth Volunteer assignments provide an invaluable opportunity for the growth and personal development of the volunteer.

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