

Volunteer Management Activity: Project Partners

Through the Department of Social Services, Volunteering SA&NT is providing funding opportunities to community organisations, with the objectives to build the capacity of volunteer involving organisations and volunteer managers, to increase engagement of identified priority group volunteers.

Volunteering SA&NT is delighted to partner with the following organisations.

Current project partners:

<p>Australian Refugee Association Priority group focus: New Arrival Migrants</p>	<p>Funded amount: \$29,486.00</p>
<p>ARA to employ a Volunteer Project Officer one day per week to coordinate the project that would actively encourage community members from a refugee or migrant background to participate in suitable volunteer opportunities as part of an employment pathway or to increase social participation. The Project Officer will deliver workshops on volunteering, provide individual support to apply and start volunteering as well as connect with organisations that may have suitable roles and be inclusive in their approach.</p>	
<p>The Food Centre Priority Groups: All</p>	<p>Funded amount: \$24,977.00</p>
<p>To establish an ongoing community resilience project including a repair café and tool library. This will initially be led by staff from TFC and will be passed onto volunteer leaders to administer, requiring only minimal support to keep the initiative going. Volunteer leaders will talk to their place-based communities, determine need, TFC staff will then facilitate workshops alongside volunteer leaders. The goal will be that volunteer leaders will move onto a leading part of the project, overseeing budgets and running the workshops themselves.</p>	
<p>Pooraka Farm Community Centre Priority Groups: New Arrival Migrants</p>	<p>Funded amount: \$500.00</p>
<p>Provide inclusion training for volunteers to help learn about how to best provide appropriate communication with a diverse range of people and learn different communication methods.</p>	

Treasure Boxes Priority Groups: First Nations People, New Arrival Migrants	Funded amount: \$500.00
<p>Building on an existing inclusive workplace for volunteers, by connecting with the new arrival Ukrainian community members and local First Nations groups, through banners in their respective languages and English, to highlight volunteer opportunities with Treasure Boxes.</p>	

Meals on Wheels SA Priority Groups: First Nations People, New Arrival Migrants, Vulnerable women, People who are unemployed, People with disability	Funded amount: \$500.00
<p>Online training packages focussed on Cultural Diversity, Inclusion and Safety. Training will be aimed initially at internal staff and then 140 select people who will become “Inclusion Champions”, based in various locations across the state. This will be done by sharing resources and providing opportunities for further learning and engagement, plus recognising and celebrating diversity within the wider community. By promoting inclusion and diversity within branches, the aim is to reduce any potential for negative impact faced by new volunteers, when meeting volunteer groups for the first time.</p>	

Landcare Association of SA Priority Groups: First Nations People, New Arrival Migrants, People with disability	Funded amount: \$500.00
<p>Online information sessions for volunteer member groups, to reduce barriers to volunteer for priority groups. Sessions will increase volunteer knowledge on the priority group. Workshops will include ‘Cultural Understanding for Better Engagement’ and ‘Plain Language’.</p> <p>It is anticipated this initiative will increase Landcare volunteer groups’ knowledge about the priority groups across the state, which can lead to diverse inclusion in volunteer groups, increasing volunteer numbers and better retention.</p>	

Adelaide Fringe Priority Groups: First Nations People, New Arrival Migrants, People with disability	Funded amount: \$500.00
<p>To address the culture within our volunteer group and equip them with a deeper understanding of the priority groups as one of the first ways to reduce barriers for priority groups, training on cultural awareness and understanding of up to 150 of our volunteers.</p>	

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<p>Carers and Disability Link Priority Groups: First Nations People, People who are unemployed, People with disability,</p>	<p>Funded amount: \$500.00</p>
<p>Funding will engage First Nations People, people with disability, and people who are unemployed through a consultation and survey of customer responses to an easy language questionnaire and open informal discussions facilitated by a team of volunteer advocates held at a free event within our Op Shop in the regional area of Woodside.</p> <p>It is expected to break down cultural misunderstandings and stereotypes that create unsafe communities for First Nations People. With this training offered to our entire volunteer group, we anticipate that it will provide our volunteers with greater tolerance and empathy towards First Nations People both within our volunteer workforce and to all Fringe-goers they interact with in their role.</p> <p>The event will also provide an opportunity for our organisation to learn from First Nations People, people with disability, and people who are unemployed through consultation, and develop new strategies to ensure we are meeting needs and offering inclusive and mutually rewarding opportunities to engage and be involved in the community, the organisation and volunteering.</p>	

<p>Good Shepherd Australia & New Zealand Priority Groups: First Nations People, People who are unemployed, New Arrival Migrants, People with disability, Vulnerable women, Young People 12-18</p>	<p>Funded amount: \$500.00</p>
<p>Funding will be utilised at the Adelaide University Mid-Year Orientation event to promote NILs volunteering opportunities to the university community.</p> <p>A banner will be created to use at this event and future events to promote NILs volunteering with Good Shepherd. We would also design and print flyers to give away to students with information about volunteering with Good Shepherd with a QR code to direct students to the application page.</p> <p>Funding will be used towards the cost to attend the event, banner and other marketing materials.</p>	

Town of Walkerville Priority Groups: New Arrival Migrants, People with disability	Funded amount: \$500.00
<p>Supports the development of Plain Language, Easy English and other language documents for residents who are new arrival migrants or people with disability. Funding will focus on specific volunteer documents for the volunteer application process.</p> <p>Expected outcomes is a more inclusive community through the ease of access to important information and break down barriers to new volunteers through the application process.</p>	

Previous project partners:

City of Charles Sturt

Grandcarers SA

Mount Barker District Council