

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>Conservation Volunteers Australia Priority group focus: First Nations people</p>	<p>Funded amount: \$1000.00</p>
<p>The project will consult with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives to develop a strategy to encourage and welcome First Nations volunteers to Conservation Volunteers Australia programs in South Australia.</p> <p>A small reference group of Kurna, Peramangk and Ngarrindjeri representatives (or other language groups if needed) will be brought together to talk about what we do, and what we can do differently. Expected outcomes include a First Nations engagement strategy.</p>	
<p>Riding for the Disabled Top End Priority Groups: First Nations People, People with disability, New arrival migrants, Vulnerable women, People who are Unemployed</p>	<p>Funded amount: \$1,000.00 Period: January – June 2024</p>
<p>To undertake Disability Inclusion/Awareness training for all staff and volunteers to enhance understanding of inclusive behaviours. This training aims to deepen RDA Top End’s understanding of inclusion, building confidence and knowledge for practical application in its daily work. The</p>	

training is essential for improving the center's inclusivity and positively influencing the wider community.

Alice Springs Uniting Church
Priority Groups People with disability

Funded amount: \$1,000.00

Period: January – June 2024

Alice Springs Uniting Church will undertake structural improvements to its physical premises to provide user-friendly disability access to Adelaide House Museum.

The funding would be used to improve the access gate to the premises, and consequently improve independent access to the Museum for our existing and future physically disabled volunteers.

Whilst this is a minor improvement, it will have a tangible impact on the premises: not only will it improve accessibility, it will demonstrate the Uniting Church's commitment to inclusion for volunteers in our community.

[Surf Life Saving NT](#)

Priority Groups First Nations People, New arrival migrants, Vulnerable women

Funded amount: \$1,000.00

Period: January – June 2024

Developing plain language pamphlets in consultation with up to 20 key local organisations that provide services to the priority groups. The pamphlets will provide information on joining a Surf Life Saving Club, programs on offer, and safety information.

The aim of the approach taken in developing these pamphlets, and their plain language design will encourage people from these priority groups to feel more invited into our Surf Life Saving Clubs and build clubs into inclusive and diverse communities.

[Purple House - Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation](#)

Priority Groups First Nations People, New arrival migrants, People who are unemployed

Funded amount: \$1,000.00

Period: January – June 2024

The project aims to break down barriers to the priority groups to volunteer with Purple House. Requirements to volunteer include a current NDIS Screening Check and a National Police Check. The cost of these checks are out of pocket expenses for volunteers and can be a barrier to people who are financially unstable or unemployed. The cost of accommodation for NT residents who visit Alice Springs from other locations across the NT is also a barrier.

The Inclusion Ready funding will be used to cover the costs of these screenings and accommodation for the priority groups to make volunteering easier to access and participate in.

The project aims to increase the diversity of volunteers in the organisation with a specific focus on Aboriginal people to support the Aboriginal clients of the organisation. Purple House will seek advice and input from these volunteers on their experience of the volunteer program and how it can continue to make it more inclusive and accessible.

Previous project partners:

Adelaide Fringe
Carers and Disability Link
Charles Darwin University
City of Charles Sturt
Cross Cultural Consultants
Good Shepherd Australia and New Zealand
Grandcarers SA
Landcare Association SA
Meals on Wheels
Mount Barker District Council
Pooraka Farm Community Centre
The Food Centre
Town of Walkerville
Treasure Boxes