

Volunteer role description



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Community Education Volunteer – In Search of Safety - Launceston

Department	Migrant Support Program
Availability	Weekdays during school hours and some evenings/weekends
Location	Mowbray
Category	Working in our Services and Programs

Building an inclusive, diverse and active humanitarian movement based on voluntary service

Role purpose

The In Search of Safety Community Education Program was developed by Red Cross to help build awareness and understanding of the real situations faced by people who come to Australia to seek asylum. It aims to dispel the misunderstandings and myths surrounding asylum seekers through presentations, group work and guest speakers, in order to create a more welcoming Australia. Community Education Volunteers will create awareness and encourage positive thinking around the asylum seeker debate through presenting workshops on these issues to Students in Upper Primary and High Schools as well as to interested community groups. Usually running for an hour and a half, there are plenty of opportunities for students, teachers and community members to ask questions to gain a deeper understanding of the topic. This role will require commitment during office/school hours.

Role responsibilities

- Attendance and participation at the ongoing training sessions for In Search of Safety Educational Program.
- Effective, efficient and engaging delivery of the In Search of Safety presentation at primary, secondary schools and groups within the community as required.
- Work closely with and provide guidance and support to Guest Speakers, respecting their dignity and right to privacy.
- Act as a positive role model and encourage the children to interact positively and meaningfully during the presentation and workshop.
- Operate within the guidelines of the In Search of Safety Community Education Program.
- Remain impartial when representing Red Cross.
- Contribute to program review and evaluation activities.
- Complete relevant administrative processes as required.
- Notify Red Cross in advance if unable to make scheduled workshops.

Knowledge, skills and experience

- Strong interest in creating awareness and challenging the myths and stereotypes about asylum seekers, refugees and migrants.
- Ability and preparedness to independently travel to various schools in Tasmania and deliver presentations in front of a classroom or group using the In Search of Safety Community Education Program power point presentation.
- Strong public speaking skills: able to deliver presentations to a classroom in an enthusiastic, fun and engaging way, whilst adhering to the 7 fundamental principles of Red Cross.
- Ability and willingness to be accessible and approachable for the children and people you work with.
- Acceptance of those from different circumstances and backgrounds.
- Experience working in classroom settings or working with young people.
- Willingness to work with interpreters.
- Excellent time management skills.
- Basic skills in Microsoft Office suite including PowerPoint.
- Background in social sciences, human services and/or education desirable.

Check requirements

- A National Police Check prior to commencement and renewed every three years (Red Cross will arrange this)
- A Working With Vulnerable People Check is mandatory for this role.
- Drivers license is desirable

Learning and development

- Complete Red Cross online learning modules as required
- Attend Red Cross Volunteer Induction, Program Training and ongoing training as required

General conditions

We act always in accordance with the Australian Red Cross Ethical Framework and Child Protection Code of Conduct

We are a Child Safe organisation and all volunteers are required to comply with relevant State and Territory legislation requirements

We comply with the Red Cross Workplace Health and Safety management system

We demonstrate skill, knowledge and behaviour to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in a culturally respectful way

We may be required to assist the organisation on occasion, in times of national, state or local emergencies or major disasters

In all activities, our volunteers are guided by the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

Humanity

Impartiality

Neutrality

Independence

Voluntary Service

Unity

Universality
