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Volunteer role description

Community Education Volunteer – In Search of Safety

Department	Migration Support Programs
Availability	Ongoing as required – school hours and/or after hours
Location	Locations across Perth
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 in WA to help build awareness and understanding of the real situations facing people who come to Australia to seek asylum. It aims to dispel the misunderstandings and myths surrounding asylum seekers through thought-provoking presentations, engaging group activities and enlightening real-life stories, in order to create a more welcoming Australia.

This role will support the program to create awareness and challenge myths and stereotypes about asylum seekers, refugees and migrants in the following areas:

1. Primary Schools – Year 5 to 6 (10 and 11 year old students)

This is the core component of the program. The In Search of Safety primary school program is an interactive educational experience for students in years 5 and 6. Each session runs for around 120 minutes, and is delivered to up to 35 students at a time by trained facilitators. This requires commitment during office/school hours.

2. Secondary Schools – Years 7 to 12 (12 to 17 year old students)

For students in years 7 to 12 the Pathways to Protection secondary school program. Sessions run between 50 and 120 minutes, with plenty of opportunities for students and teachers to ask questions to gain a deeper understanding of the topic. This requires commitment during office/school hours.

3. Conversations in the Community

Conversations in the Community is available to groups wanting to learn more about the real situation faced by people seeking asylum in Australia. Through informative and engaging presentations, it aims to improve public understanding of asylum seekers, challenge myths and clarify misunderstandings surrounding migration. Open to clubs, organizations, workplaces, communities and groups, these conversations give participants a valuable opportunity to hear real-life stories from people with first-hand experience seeking asylum in Australia. The information provided is neutral and unbiased. This way, participants can make their own conclusions about the circumstances people seeking asylum have come from and the situations they now face in Australia. This is available during office hours, after hours and on weekends.

Role responsibilities

- Effective, efficient and engaging delivery of the In Search of Safety presentation at primary, secondary schools and groups within the community as required
 - Attendance and participation at the In Search of Safety Educational Program ongoing training
 - Act as a positive role model and encourage the children to interact during the presentation
 - Create awareness and encourage positive thinking around the asylum seeker debate
 - Operate within the guidelines of the In Search of Safety Community Education Program
 - Remain impartial when representing Red Cross
 - Encourage students to interact positively and meaningfully during the workshop
 - Contribute to program review and evaluation activities
 - Complete relevant administrative processes as required.
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Knowledge, skills and experience

- Desirable; background in social science, teaching and/or human services
 - Desirable; drivers license
 - Strong interest in creating awareness and challenging the myths around people seeking asylum, refugees and migrants, targeting primary and high schools around Perth
 - Comfortable visiting schools independently to deliver presentations in a classroom or group
using the In Search of Safety Community Education Program PowerPoint presentation
 - Ability to deliver workshops in an enthusiastic, fun and engaging way
 - Ability and willingness to be accessible and approachable to the people you work with
 - Acceptance of those from different circumstances and backgrounds
 - Experience working in classroom settings or working with young people - Interest in humanitarian issues
 - Highly developed communication and interpersonal skills, including public speaking
 - Willingness to work with interpreters
 - Excellent time management skills
 - Basic skills in Microsoft Office suite including PowerPoint
 - Ability and preparedness to travel to various schools in the Perth metro area.
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Check requirements

- A National Criminal History Check prior to commencement and renewed every three years (Red Cross will arrange this)
- Working with Children's Check relevant to your state / territory location

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
