Volunteer role description



Red Cross acknowledges the Traditional Owners of this land, their ancestors and Elders, past and present.

Community Speakers Network Member

Department	**International Humanitarian Law**
Availability	**5 hours per month (minimum 12 month commitment)**
Location	**Various**
Category	Working in our Services and Programs

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

Role purpose

The Australian Red Cross International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Program seeks to prevent and alleviate suffering in times of war and conflict and promote non-violence and peace by working towards the following outcomes:

- Australians in war and conflict understand that wars have laws and apply them;
- Australian law and policy reflects IHL and humanitarian principles; and
- the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement has maximum global impact in IHL, and Movement members achieve their local humanitarian objectives.

As a member of the International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, Australian Red Cross has an obligation to promote awareness of and respect for IHL (the laws of war).

The Community Speakers Network (CSN) is an Australian Red Cross group which will provide essential support to the IHL Program by promoting awareness of IHL and the work of the International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement to the general community (excluding schools, universities and corporate groups). CSN members will be responsible for promoting the CSN to community groups and disseminating IHL to community groups.

Role responsibilities

- Assist the CSN Convenor to engage with and develop networks with local community groups (excluding schools, some university courses and corporate groups), in respect to promoting awareness of the Australian Red Cross IHL Program and the role of the CSN.
- Provide presentations on IHL and the work of the International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement to local community groups as required.
- Accurately record details of the community groups that have engaged with the CSN and how many people have attended community IHL dissemination events.
- Accurately record data on the effectiveness of CSN IHL dissemination engagements.

Knowledge, skills and experience

- Knowledge of and strong interest in IHL and the work of the International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement.
- Previous experience in volunteering.
- Ability to effectively engage with community groups and develop networks.
- Confidence in public speaking and presenting to various audiences.
- Ability to take initiative.
- At ease working independently or as part of a team to share the workload.
- Administrative and computer skills, particularly Word, Outlook and Excel. Experience with online engagement platforms desirable (eg Trello, Slack, Facebook Workplace, Teams).

Check requirements

- A National Criminal History Check prior to commencement and renewed every five years (arranged by Australian Red Cross).

Learning and development

- Complete the Introductory CSN training program.
- Attend Red Cross Induction, Program Training and ongoing training as required.
- Complete Red Cross online learning modules 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