

Volunteer role description



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

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Community Education Volunteer – In Search of Safety - Darwin

Department	Migration Support Programs
Availability	Minimum of once per month minimum (3 hrs per session) – school hours
Location	NT (Darwin, Palmerston, Alice Springs and Katherine)
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 program was developed by Red Cross to help build awareness and understanding of the real situations facing people who come to Australia to seek asylum. It aims to clarify misinformation and challenge misunderstandings surrounding asylum seekers through thought-provoking presentations, engaging group activities and enlightening real-life stories, in order to increase community cohesion and cultivate a more welcoming Australia.

This role supports the program to improve public understanding of asylum seekers, refugees and migration by delivering interactive sessions in school forums. All information is presented within a humanitarian framework from a neutral and impartial perspective to allow participants to form their own conclusions.

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

This is the core component of the program. In Search of Safety is the primary schools program. Each session runs for around 90 minutes, and is delivered to up to 35 students in a classroom environment.

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

Pathways to Protection is the secondary schools program. Sessions run between 50 and 120 minutes in a classroom environment. Group sizes vary.

3. Other optional opportunities - Adult forums (private, government and community sector)

These conversations are available to any adult forum. The approach is tailored to the audience but content is similar to the school programs. Length and group sizes vary

Role responsibilities

- Effective, efficient and engaging delivery of the In Search of Safety presentation in primary and secondary schools
- Attendance and participation at the ongoing training
- Act as a positive role model and encourage the children to interact during the presentation
- Create awareness and encourage positive critical thinking around the asylum seeker debate
- Operate within the guidelines of the In Search of Safety program

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- Remain impartial and neutral when representing Red Cross
 - Encourage students to interact positively and meaningfully during the workshop
 - Work collaboratively within a team of volunteers, guest speakers, interpreters
 - 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, humanities, community development, teaching/training 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 to deliver presentations in a classroom using a scripted In Search of Safety 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 a range of circumstances and backgrounds
 - Experience working in classroom settings or working with young people
 - Interest in humanitarian issues
 - Highly developed communication, interpersonal and public speaking skills
 - 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
 - Willingness to work with interpreters.
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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
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Learning and development

Complete Red Cross online learning modules as required

- Attend Red Cross Volunteer Induction, Program Training and ongoing training as required
 - Attend scheduled volunteer meetings
 - Access online and face-to-face professional development opportunities provided by the Red Cross and external organisations
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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
