



## Youth Volunteer Journal - Info-Sheet

The **Youth Voluntary Service** aims to support young people taking an active part in Voluntary Organisations. The first goal of the scheme is to help young people improve their skills and prospects by giving them an opportunity to take up volunteering as part of their non-formal and informal learning process. It will also enable them to discover the value of voluntary service and help to foster a sense of community and active citizenship.

The second goal of the scheme is to support Voluntary Organisations in attracting young people to volunteering, enabling them to enhance their capacity with new volunteers and fresh ideas.

### Local Programme Details

- **Eligibility criteria:** Youths between 16 to 30 (15years if post-secondary) years of age who have Maltese residency can apply for the scheme.
- **Stipend:** Youth volunteers get a monthly stipend at the end of each month of the placement. The rate is of €3.50 an hour for a maximum of 15 hours a week.
- **Volunteer Service:** The volunteer service with the chosen voluntary organisation can be from 2 months to a maximum of 6 months. At the end of the placement, youth volunteers receive certification, as proof of participation.
- **Voluntary work hours:** Youth volunteers can do as little as 2 hours a month to a maximum of 15 hours per week.
- **Voluntary work location:** Voluntary work can take place at the voluntary organisation's headquarters or at a location determined by the organisation. Telework is also permitted, depending on the nature of the work.
- **Monthly reporting / Tasks:** The Youth volunteer is to fill weekly attendance sheets. These are to be signed and sent to the voluntary organisation at the end of the month for verification.

The Youth Volunteer needs to complete one of the tasks from the youth volunteer Journal (pages 2-3) by the end of every month of the placement.

MCVS will not remunerate the monthly stipend if deadlines for the weekly attendance sheets or monthly tasks are missed.

- **Voluntary organisation Bridging:** Eligible youths who are interested in participating in youth voluntary service but are not affiliated with an organisation, are to submit the following form; <https://forms.gle/Ht4ieaJ5dY8iCzJL9> and notify MCVS regarding the submission by sending an email to [volunteer@maltacvs.org](mailto:volunteer@maltacvs.org). MCVS will bridge the prospective youth volunteers to the most appropriate voluntary organisation. *The Youth volunteers and the organisation will have a meeting to verify their compatibility to each other.*
- **Affiliated volunteers:** Youth volunteers which are already affiliated with an organisation (who do not need bridging) and would like to benefit from the youth volunteer scheme are to direct their organisation to the link below; <https://maltacvs.org/youth-volunteer-scheme-yvs/>
- **Youth Contract:** The youth volunteer will be given a contract prior to the start of the placement.
- **Meeting MCVS:** The voluntary organisation and the youth volunteer will have an online meeting with MCVS in order to go over any queries prior to the start of the voluntary service.



## Youth Volunteer Journal – Monthly Tasks

Youth Volunteers can choose 1 task from the below to complete each month. A task cannot be chosen more than once. Tasks need to be completed by the last Friday of each month. Youth Volunteers are to send the completed tasks to the voluntary organisation by the stipulated deadlines. The organisation will send in the tasks to MCVS together with the weekly attendances. *MCVS will choose the best material and post on social media.*

### **Task 1- VO Mission Report**

Write a report describing the voluntary organisation and its mission in 200 to 300 words. Include photos or logos of the voluntary organisation. *Please send report in PDF form or Word doc.*

#### Points that can be included:

Who is the Voluntary organisation? What is the Mission of the VO? Who founded the VO? What are the services that the VO offers? How is the VO helping the community? What are the values of the voluntary organisation? Can you describe the community within the organisation and its members and Volunteers?

### **Task 2 – Inspiring Interview**

Choose an inspiring member or volunteer at the voluntary organisation and interview them. The interview can be in video form of under 3 minutes OR in the form of a write-up including the interviewee's photo (*Please send in PDF form or Word doc*).

### **Task 3 – Activity Diary**

Take 5 to 8 photos of an activity / activities or event/s you participated in at the voluntary organization. Write a short paragraph describing the event (50 to 100 words). *Please send in PDF form or Word doc.*

### **Task 4– New connections**

Show us 3 new connections you made thanks to the voluntary service. Take a photo of yourself with each person and caption each photo by telling us who this new connection is and what you learnt from them. *Please send in PDF form or Word doc.*



**Task 5– Why Volunteer??**

Make a post on Facebook and tag and [LIKE] the Youth Voluntary Service facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/youthvolunteerscheme/>

Let your friends know why volunteering is beneficial and why a young person should choose to volunteer. Please write a motivational post to encourage other youths to participate in youth voluntary service.

Points that can be included:

Why did you chose to volunteer? How did you benefit from volunteering? What does volunteering mean to you?  
What do young people have to gain from volunteering?

**Task 6– let’s get creative**

Let us know what volunteering means to you.

Create a 2d representation of what volunteering means to you in 2d format [painting / drawing / collage / take a photo / digital image] Feel free to get creative as much as you want.

*Send a photo of your work (jpeg / PNG) MCVS will chose the best artwork to be exhibited (please keep the original work).*

**Task 7 – Inspiring Person**

Give us an outline of an inspiring young person in 200 to 300 words.

Choose a local or international personality who has done inspiring work in their community. Describe their work and impact on their community and include a photo of them. *Please send outline in PDF form or Word doc.*

Points that can be included:

Who is this person? Are they Maltese or foreign? What is the work they did in the community? Why do they inspire you?

**Task 8 – COMPULSARY end of voluntary service review**

At the end of the 6-month voluntary service review, fill in the form below and let us know about your experience volunteering with a local voluntary organisation.

<https://forms.gle/yFm56QGTCaziMRnm9>

Thank you for participating 😊