

# Service Learning Suggestions

## Townsville Multicultural Support Group

<http://www.tmsg.org.au/>

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TMSG has many people waiting for help. It also allows students to share in the experience of newly arrived refugee families making a home in Australia.

## Autism Queensland

[www.autismqld.com.au](http://www.autismqld.com.au)

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We are an Autism-specific service in Edmonton. We have 3 Centre-based classes operating 4, 3, and 2 days per week, as well as outreach services including Speech Pathology and Occupational therapy services. Our educational strategies involve the visual communication systems, behavioural supports, and sensory supports that assist children on the spectrum to learn strategies to cope in mainstream educational settings. We would be happy to look at specific project work for relatively short periods.

## Sea Turtle Foundation

[www.seaturtlefoundation.org](http://www.seaturtlefoundation.org)

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School Talks program: Project -To create educational resources and deliver 15 sea turtle conservation workshops in Townsville primary schools over a 1 year period. Aim - To give primary school pupils an understanding of the wonder and importance of sea turtles and to instil in them a desire to protect and conserve sea turtles. To enable them to carry this message home to their parents. Resources to be developed so far include workbook, drawing sheet, and games, but we are seeking feedback for more ideas. Your student would also be able to attend workshops and integrate what they learn into the materials.

## **The Palm Island Immersion Program**

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St Vincent de Paul Society QLD  
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[tsv.youth@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:tsv.youth@svdpqld.org.au)

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Townsville QLD 4810

In the past few years, the Society has run a Palm Island Immersion Program twice a year which allows participants to experience a different lifestyle as well as gaining an understanding of teaching practices and students they may not normally encounter. The Society in Townsville may be able to provide some initiatives for the students to undertake; including the Palm Island Immersion.

## **CSIRO Education Centre**

<http://www.csiro.au/org/pshp.html>

### **CSIRO Education, North Queensland**

North Queensland Science Education Centre  
James Cook University  
Townsville QLD 4811  
Phone: 61 7 4725 7887  
Fax: 61 7 4725 7888  
Email: [education.nqld@csiro.au](mailto:education.nqld@csiro.au)

CSIRO's North Queensland Science Education Centre (NQSEC) in Townsville is the hub for CSIRO's science education programs in North Queensland. It includes a laboratory-classroom where science demonstrations and workshops are held for school groups who visit the centre. It is also home to the Lab on Legs program that takes exciting science shows and workshops to schools around North Queensland.

## **Townsville Intercultural Centre**

<http://townsvilleic.com/>

Through its diversified services, Townsville Intercultural Centre Ltd (TIC) is able to assist newcomers to the Townsville region with the settlement process and to provide services and assistance to facilitate newcomers' full participation in the local community. TIC's services are primarily directed towards immigrants and refugees, particularly newly arrived migrants who are permanent residents.

Migrant Resource Centre Townsville Thuringowa Ltd  
Level One, Citilink Building  
358 Flinders Street  
Townsville Q 4810

PO Box 1858  
Townsville Q 4810

Phone: 07 4772 4800  
Fax: 07 4772 1840  
Email: [angela@townsville-mrc.org](mailto:angela@townsville-mrc.org)

## **Townsville Flexible Learning Centre**

<http://www.ereflc.org.au/townsville.html>

22-26 Ingham Road  
Townsville 4810  
Phone: (07) 4724 1133  
Fax:(07) 4721 4100  
Email: [tsvflc@ericeqld.org.au](mailto:tsvflc@ericeqld.org.au)

The Edmund Rice Education Flexible Learning Centre in Townsville is one of five in Queensland. The Flexible Learning Centre offers a full-time and multi-year secondary education program for young people who have disengaged from mainstream schooling. The students typically express a broad range of complex education and social needs and the FLCs respond with a variety of flexible and innovative teaching and learning practices including vocational planning and the development of social connectedness.

## **Lifeline**

<http://www.lifeline.org.au/>

Lifeline provides access to crisis support, suicide prevention and mental health support services. Lifeline also provides national services and campaigns that promote emotional wellbeing, encourage help seeking, and address suicide prevention and awareness.

Lifeline  
188 Aumuller St  
Bungalow Qld 4870

PO Box 11  
Bungalow Qld 4870

[lifeline.fnq@lccq.org.au](mailto:lifeline.fnq@lccq.org.au)  
Phone (07) 4050 4955

## **Cairns Youth Mentoring Scheme**

<http://www.cairnsyouthmentoring.org/>

Our objective is to provide mentoring services and activities to improve the level of engagement of young people with family, education, training, the workplace and the community.

Flexible Learning Centre,  
Clarke Street,  
Manunda QLD 4870

PO Box 7262  
Cairns QLD 4870

Phone: (07) 4041 5844  
Mobile: 0407 041 891  
Fax: (07) 4080 9200  
[info@cairnsyouthmentoring.org](mailto:info@cairnsyouthmentoring.org)

## **Cairns Libraries**

<http://www.cairnslibrary.com.au/pages/default.asp>

## **Townsville Libraries**

<http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/facilities/libraries/about/Pages/default.aspx>

## **Reef Teach**

<http://reefteach.wordpress.com/links/volunteer/>

Reef Teach is staffed by qualified marine biologists and conservationists, who aim to educate, inspire and enthuse visitors to the Great Barrier Reef about this unique and incredible place – the largest coral reef ecosystem in the world!

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Mainstreet Arcade,  
Cairns, QLD 4870

PO Box 362,  
Manunda QLD 4870

(07) 4031-7794  
[learn@reefteach.com.au](mailto:learn@reefteach.com.au)

## **Cancer Council Queensland**

<http://www.cancerqld.org.au/>

We were established in 1961 as the Queensland Cancer Fund, in response to an increasing need for cancer-related services across the state. Cancer Council Queensland relies on support from more than 2,500 registered volunteers. Our volunteers, supporters, and friends are essential to our work. Cancer Council Queensland is a member of Cancer Council Australia and is affiliated with the International Union Against Cancer (UICC).

Cairns  
169 Aumuller Street  
Bungalow QLD 4870  
T: 07 4047 5500  
F: 07 3259 8478

Townsville  
24 Warburton Street  
North Ward QLD 4810  
T: 07 4796 8400  
F: 07 3259 8507

## **Graft 'N' Arts Youth & Community Art Centre**

124 Grafton St  
Cairns QLD 4870  
Phone: (07) 4031 2929

## **Tanks Art Centre**

<http://www.tanksartcentre.com>

The role of the Community Partnership unit is to broker and establish sustainable partnerships and play a leadership/ mentoring role within the arts and cultural sector to assist to strengthen the capacity of organisations and individuals to develop community cultural development programs and initiatives that benefit the region.

46 Collins Avenue  
Edge Hill  
CAIRNS QLD 4870

07 4032 6600

07 4032 2610

[info@tanksartscentre.com](mailto:info@tanksartscentre.com)

### **Cairns Regional Gallery**

<http://www.cairnsregionalgallery.com.au/>

The Gallery's education program consists of guided tours, workshops and outreach projects designed for early childhood, primary, secondary and tertiary students.

The aim of these programs is to: Introduce a range of artworks and artistic styles to students; Engage students in the interpretation of artworks; Connect industry professionals with students and teachers; Allow students to explore new ideas and materials.

cnr Abbott & Shields Streets,

PO Box 7784

Cairns Qld 4870

Ph: (07) 4046 4800

Fax:(07) 4031 6410

[info@cairnsregionalgallery.com.au](mailto:info@cairnsregionalgallery.com.au)

### **Royal Flying Doctor Service**

<http://www.flyingdoctor.org.au/>

We count on volunteers to minimise our administration costs and ensure that more of the fundraising dollar goes directly towards our primary mission of providing medical care to those who need it the most. From helping out at fundraising events, to providing your professional services free of charge, to hand packing the mail our volunteers help us keep costs down and productivity up.

Cairns

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Townsville

Phone: 07 4775 3111

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### **Qld Dept Environment & Resource Management**

<http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/about/employment/volunteersworkexperience.html>

1300 130 372

[info@derm.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@derm.qld.gov.au)

## Queensland Conservation Council

<http://www.qccqld.org.au/>

Queensland Conservation Council  
166 Ann Street  
Brisbane Qld 4000

Ph: (07) 3221 0188  
Fax: (07) 3229 7992

The state's peak non-government environment group. We have been working to protect, conserve and sustain Queensland's environment for forty years. Queensland's leading advocate for environmental protection and sustainability. A network of member groups working across the spectrum of environment issues from the far north to the south east corner.

## Endeavour Foundation

<http://www.endeavour.com.au/>

Volunteering is a great way to be part of Endeavour Foundation's work. We rely on the valuable support of volunteers to help us provide opportunities for people with a disability.

Our volunteers come from a diverse range of backgrounds, professions and ages, with a wide range of skills and experiences. From students to retirees, professionals and people looking for work, volunteering is open to everyone.

If you have some spare time and want to put your skills, energy and passion to work, take a look at the [volunteers currently needed](#) or [register your interest](#) to let us know how you can help.

## Red Cross

[http://www.redcross.org.au/howyoucanhelp\\_becomeavolunteer\\_default.htm](http://www.redcross.org.au/howyoucanhelp_becomeavolunteer_default.htm)

The Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is the world's largest voluntary organisation. Much of our work both in Australia and overseas is carried out by volunteers, whose contribution to our multitude of services is invaluable. By becoming a volunteer you have an opportunity to contribute to the humanitarian efforts of Red Cross at home and abroad. You'll also be providing real support to an organisation that is respected the world over for its outstanding service to humanity.

Humanity Place  
49 Park Road  
PO Box 1822  
Milton QLD 4064

Phone: 07 3367 7222  
Fax: 07 3367 7444  
[qldinfo@redcross.org.au](mailto:qldinfo@redcross.org.au)

## The Street University

<http://streetuniversity.com.au/site/>

STU programs are run by the greater community (our family of volunteers) to satisfy the goals of both STU students and volunteers. Indeed, the community is already building the service with us, through engaging in arts and hiphop programs and working as volunteers to create courses. In this way, STU empowers people to address social issues through informed, local and timely action. Where the community sees a need, STU provides them an avenue to create their own remedy.

## **St Vincent de Paul Youth Projects**

<https://vinnies.org.au/programs-national?link=727>

The St Vincent de Paul Society is more than just a welfare organisation. Its history of service to the disadvantaged and marginalised is based on a foundation of spirituality and social justice. Vinnies Youth members are encouraged to become part of or develop programs that challenge them to offer a 'hand up' rather than a 'hand out'. We are about making long term changes to people circumstances and walking alongside people as friends in their time of need.

## **Willing Workers on Organic Farms Australia**

<http://www.wwoof.com.au/>

WWOOF (Willing Workers on Organic Farms) was started in England in 1972 when the first WWOOFers spent a weekend helping on an organic farm in exchange for their keep. Today there are 50 WWOOF groups all over the world, including France, Spain, Switzerland, Germany, Japan, Italy, USA, Austria, UK, Nepal, India, Korea, New Zealand and Canada. All the groups are independent, but operate in a similar way, by putting people into contact with each other. Throughout the world the WWOOF philosophy is the same; WWOOF hosts provide food and lodging to travellers and students in exchange for between 4 and 6 hours work per day.

Ph: (03) 5155-0218

Fax (03) 5155-0342

[wwoof@wwoof.com.au](mailto:wwoof@wwoof.com.au)

## **Scouts Australia**

<http://www.scouts.com.au/>

Scouts Australia provides young Aussies aged 6 to 25 with fun and challenging opportunities to grow through adventure. Scouts can get involved in performing arts, leadership development, community service, amateur radio operation, environmental projects, large-scale Australian events such as Cuborees, Jamborees and Ventures, international events, and service projects in developing countries. The Scouts Australia Youth Program also incorporates contemporary issues such as youth health, 'responsible risk-taking', vocational skills, and issues pertinent to Indigenous Australians.

Scouts Australia  
Level 1/Scouts Australia House  
8 Help Street  
CHATSWOOD NSW 2067  
Ph 1800 726 887

## **Kazo International Community Volunteering Program (KICVOP)**

<http://www.kicvop.org/>

KICVOP is a small community development NGO that is committed to improving the lives of the people in their community. They have a specific focus on helping children with HIV and run a variety of projects and programs to provide assistance.

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Fort Collins, Colorado 80524 U.S.A  
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## **Antipodeans Abroad**

[www.antipodeans.com.au](http://www.antipodeans.com.au)

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Antipodeans Abroad  
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Chatswood NSW 2057

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Skype: antipsabroad

Antipodeans Abroad can give education students an opportunity to undertake community-based professional experience with local schools, orphanages, adult literacy programs and grassroots organisations overseas. Placements depart at a time convenient to the university and can be tailored to meet specific faculty objectives. A UniBreak Group may be supervised by a member of faculty staff who travels with the group free of charge. Otherwise, individuals may also choose to travel with a group of other education students from different Australian universities on our "UniBreak Open Group" placement. All placements are managed and facilitated on the ground by our in-country agents in destinations such as India, Nepal, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam.

## **Australian Volunteers International**

<http://www.australianvolunteers.com/>

### **National Office (Melbourne)**

71 Argyle Street (PO Box 350)  
Fitzroy Vic 3065

Ph: +61 3 9279 1788

Fax: +61 3 9419 4280

Tollfree: 1800 331 292

[info@australianvolunteers.com](mailto:info@australianvolunteers.com)

Australian Volunteers International (AVI) is an independent not-for-profit organisation, a company limited by guarantee and registered as a charity and deductible gift recipient. AVI manages people-centred development projects and programs in a wide range of countries. Their work focuses on reducing poverty, providing health and education services, promoting human rights and gender equality, and protecting the environment.

## **Volunteer Eco Students Abroad (VESA)**

<http://www.vesabroad.com.au/volunteering>

Volunteer Eco Students Abroad (VESA) is a unique volunteer organisation whose sole aim is to provide university students and like-minded people with the opportunity to fully immerse themselves within a country through our tailor made program of meaningful community-based volunteer work and adventure tourism.

Our two week programs are designed to provide a balance between the selfless act of giving something back to those less fortunate through meaningful volunteer work whilst exploring an exciting new country in the adventure trip of a lifetime.

Ph (02) 8005 6755

[info@vesabroad.com](mailto:info@vesabroad.com)

## **Openmind Projects**

<http://www.openmindprojects.org>

Openmind Projects offers voluntary work overseas and supports some 70 projects to volunteer in Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Nepal. Volunteers can teach English and IT at schools, volunteer at orphanages in Thailand and Nepal, teach in Buddhist temples and monasteries in Thailand and Nepal, tsunami Thailand villages, towns, and train at Thai and Laos national parks and hospitals. Overseas volunteer opportunities include teaching English, IT, computer training, community-based eco tourism, wildlife conservation, childcare and health, medical projects.

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A.Muang  
Nong Khai 43000 Thailand

Ph +66 4241 3678

## **GenerationOne**

<http://generationone.org.au/about>

GenerationOne is a real partnership for ALL Australians to participate in. It is non-partisan and will listen to any and all contributions that can help break the poverty traps, in our generation.

GenerationOne provides the opportunity for those who are already active to do more, and for those who have never participated in a campaign to play a simple role in achieving real change.

## **Palms Australia**

<http://www.palms.org.au/>

Palms Australia recruits, prepares, sends and supports skilled volunteers to reduce global poverty, at the request of our partner communities in Asia, Africa and the Pacific.

PO Box 976  
Glebe NSW 2037  
(02) 9518 9551  
[palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

## **Global Vision International**

<http://www.gvi.co.uk/>

Global Vision International (GVI) provides support and services to international charities, non-profits and governmental agencies, through volunteering opportunities, internship programs, training and direct funding. To the participant it offers safe, responsible travel experiences, exceptional training and career development opportunities, and facilitates the ability to make a real difference. To its partners it commits all project ownership rights and all work is undertaken fully under their direction, in conjunction with the local community. GVI is a non-political, non-religious organisation, which provides opportunities for participants to fill a critical void in the fields of environmental research, conservation, education and community development.

Global Vision International  
Suite 206, 530 Little Collins St  
Melbourne VIC 3000

Ph 1300 795 013  
[james@gviworld.com](mailto:james@gviworld.com)

## **Youth Challenge Australia**

<http://www.youthchallenge.org.au/>

Youth Challenge Australia (YCA) is an Australian-based, not-for-profit, non-religious organisation that actively engages youth in community identified development projects. Since 1992, YCA has mobilised young people to assist the growth of sustainable and positive community development both internationally and within Indigenous Australia.

YCA recruits and trains youth to support development projects in Costa Rica, Guatemala, Guyana, India, Indigenous Australia, Mexico and Vanuatu. Our development projects range from 5 to 10 weeks in length and focus on poverty, education, gender equality and human rights, health and HIV/ AIDS, environmental sustainability and global partnerships.

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## **I to I**

<http://www.i-to-i.com/>

If you're looking for a unique travel experience abroad, look no further! i-to-i's programs are the perfect way to meet new people, immerse yourself in new cultures and make a difference abroad.

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Level 4, 380 Lonsdale Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000

1300 88 15 90  
[australia@i-to-i.com](mailto:australia@i-to-i.com)

## **WWF International**

[http://wwf.panda.org/how\\_you\\_can\\_help/volunteer/](http://wwf.panda.org/how_you_can_help/volunteer/)

Sydney Main  
Level 13, 235 Jones Street  
Ultimo NSW 2007  
(02) 9281 5515  
(02) 9281 1060

## **Earthwatch**

<http://www.earthwatch.org/australia/>

Earthwatch is an international not of profit environmental organisation founded in 1971. Earthwatch engages people in scientific field research and education to promote the understanding and action necessary for a sustainable environment.

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