

## **Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland**

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### **Submitter Comments:**

I spent the majority of my late teens and twenties volunteering thousands of hours a year in order to run programs for other youth. At no stage was I able to be paid or the organisation be able to move to a payment model for their staff/volunteers because of the distinct lack of funding that is available for any programs at the state, local or federal level. I have been managing event budgets of 30k+ since I was 19 years old. I did work on behalf of DFAT who allocate no funding whatsoever to the Youth Delegate to the UN program, simply because they knew they could get us to do all the work for free. I would estimate that I have donated in excess of 15000 hours of my time over a period of 10 years.