

Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland

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Having volunteers is crucial for the future of NFP organisations for several reasons1. Cost savings - volunteers provide labor without a salary, reducing operational costs and allowing organisations to allocate resources within the community more efficiently. 2. Skill Diversity - volunteers bring diverse skill sets, experiences and perspectives enriching the organisations capabilities and decision-making processes. 3. Community Engagement - volunteers often become ambassadors for the organisation, fostering community awareness, engagement and support. 4. Capacity Building - volunteers can take on various roles, from administrative tasks to frontline service's, enabling organisations to expand their reach and impact. 5. Innovation and Adaptability - volunteers can bring fresh ideas and approaches, helping organisations stay adaptable and responsive to changing community needs. 6. Fundraising and Advocacy - volunteers can participate in fundraising events, advocate for the organisations missions and help secure funding and resources. 7. Succession Planning - volunteers can be groomed for leadership positions, ensuring the organisations long-term sustainability.8. Enhanced Credibility - a strong volunteer program can enhance an organisations credibility and reputation, attracting more supporters and partners. 9. Personal and Professional Development - volunteers can gain valuable experience, skills, and networking opportunities, benefiting their personal and professional growth.10. Demonstrated Community Support - a robust volunteer program demonstrated community support and investment in the organisations mission, which can be attractive to funders and stakeholders.I work solo in my role with a NFP organisation in a regional town., Without the support of my volunteers I would not be able to successfully fundraise and promote the services of the NFP organisation that employs me. My wonderful volunteers also are a huge support to me personally and have become friends. I am very grateful for their time, energy and passion in their roles with the organisation. They are however in the age range of 70 to 85 so I know that they have their limitations on how much and with what they can support me with. Ideally it would be great to find a way to engage with ages 70 and below but to be honest I am not sure what the answer to this is. Is there a way to consider incentives for time given - hopefully others have suggestions.