

Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland

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In Gayndah we have an 30% aged population and this is also reflected in our NFP's here as many orgs here struggle to take in new members and even youthspace (our org) which has been running for 3 years and very rarely has a quiet event operates largely from my and the volunteers pockets.

These difficulties are compounded in the fact that we operate in the youth industry which means our volunteers need to be the right person, have time & patience and still contribute positively to our youth. Although we are supported by the community, little of that translates to time/money support. Although there are many grants, none will fund operational costs even for basic things like our adulting support program. With funding we could potentially create programs that could help relocate youths to other towns/city's to improve their job opportunities as well as meaningful volunteer programs that can upskill them to be a vital part of our workforce. Additionally if NFP had resources around good models to use and how to operate & expand and avoid burnouts that certainly would be a great thing for us and other organisations