

## Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland

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Currently it is very difficult to secure volunteers for our organization. The main obstacles that we face are current volunteers ageing out or reducing their contribution. Securing new, younger and more able volunteers as some of our work requirements need physicality. We feel that government/local government assistance in the field of financial support in offering training/certificates would provide incentive to gain all ages of volunteers. Any financial assistance available to enable a Trainer within house to provide a certificate to volunteers (Train the Trainer). Another prohibitive factor is that cost of fuel for volunteers accessing the location of our venue. Succession planning is also a factor that we find difficult to navigate. Is there a way that government/local government could assist with this. Apart from NFP House is there an active and effective portal that is more visible to those wishing to volunteer. More opportunities provided by our local council to promote ourselves and the benefits of our local area. Regarding Job Seeker and Work for the Dole, the current Job Seeker requirement is 15 hours per week. However trying to enforce this can be difficult as you run the risk of the Volunteer leaving. Making ourselves more visible.