Project Partnerships 2023-24



The Centre for Volunteering is pleased to announce this round's eight successful project partners for NSW.

Funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services and administered by The Centre for Volunteering, these projects aim to build the capacity of volunteer managers and VIOs to better engage diverse volunteers.

Details of the successful projects are outlined:

Partner	Funding	Activity Description
BNG NGO SERVICES ONLINE	\$27,500	Access for NSW VIOs to the National Standards for Volunteer Involvement Tool A strong supporter of the sector, Breaking New Ground (BNG) has spent the past two decades supporting NGOs in their compliance and governance. Now, they will partner with The Centre to pilot access for small to medium volunteer-involving organisations (up to 250 in total), so they can build capacity for meaningful engagement with diverse volunteers.
Collappor8	\$50,100	Training VIOs to Involve Youth and Youth with Disability into Volunteering Collappor8 is a successful knowledge-based business delivering project management expertise. As a Project Partner, they will develop six training modules and six vlogs in support of volunteer-involving organisations and their managers increasing Youth participation, including for Youth with Disability. These resources include general strategies, recruitment and retention, essential organisational know-how and more.
KIDS GIVIN'D BACK	\$51,632	Founded in 2012, Kids Giving Back is all about giving young Australians the opportunity to volunteer in meaningful, hands-on programs. Through the support delivered by this program, they will be able to create a video showcasing diverse Youth perspectives on Youth volunteering, which will be accompanied by a visual summary of the consultation process and an Evaluation Summary Report with key findings to be shared with the sector.
The Neighbourhood Centre	\$50,150	The Neighbourhood Centre has been supporting the local community and beyond since 1976, with a mission to bring people together with respect, integrity, equality and inclusion. Collaborating with volunteer-involving organisations, potential volunteers and stakeholders, The Neighbourhood Centre will draw on their Project Partnership to create resources addressing the challenges to meaningful engagement with diverse volunteers. Topics will include communication across language barriers, presentation, time-management, preparation for interviews and more.

South Eastern Community Connect	\$87,000	At the South Eastern Community Connect , they "remind people they are never alone" by providing quality services and programs for the community. Their success with Project Partnerships means they can now develop catalogue of social media content and online training resources intended to inspire people who are unemployed to choose volunteering. Being user-friendly, they will be adaptable for use by volunteer-involving organisations and managers across the sector.
Sydney Children's CHF Foundation	\$87,625	Active since 1986, the Sydney Children's Hospitals Foundation is one of the largest kids' health charities in the country. Now a Project Partner, they will be able to create a series of eight online modules designed to educate, support and upskill volunteer managers in volunteer-involving organisations, structured around the National Standards for Volunteer Involvement. Each monthly module will consist of a video webinar and a downloadable E-module resource.
‡ UTS	\$32,400	The University of Technology Sydney is committed to supporting the economic, social and cultural prosperity of their communities. Powered by the Project Partnership Program, they will produce three online modules guiding volunteer managers and volunteer-involving organisations to inspire and engage volunteers from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, especially new migrants and international volunteers. These modules will include: 1. Power of volunteering 2. Social Integration through volunteering 3. Pathways to employment.
Voluntas CONFLICT RESOLUTION FOR VOLUNTEERS	\$40,000	Voluntas is a free conflict resolution service which provides volunteer mediators for volunteer organisations. With their Project Partnership support, they will develop four online training modules for the industry, with topics including: 1. Negotiation for volunteers and volunteer managers 2. Conflict management skills for volunteers and volunteer managers 3. Mediation fundamentals for the volunteering sector 4. Having the hard conversations in the volunteer sector