

➤ WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

Target Group: **Year 10**

Australian Curriculum Reference: **English**

Creating texts

- + Review, edit and refine students' own and other's texts for control of content, organisation, sentence structure, vocabulary and/or visual features to achieve particular purposes and effects (ACELY1757).

LESSON SUMMARY

Over a term, allocate students into groups to edit and review a not for profit organisation's newsletter or web content. Students must assure quality and meet deadlines.

Students need to be explicitly taught that this is an activity that volunteers can undertake for organisations in their community.

LESSON CONTENT AND METHODOLOGY

- + Students identify not for profit organisations that operate in their local area using the Yellow Pages online and internet searches.
- + The class selects three of these that they can approach to offer their assistance. Selection should come from the group of organisations that have existing newsletters or websites.
- + In three groups, students develop an email letter that will be sent to one of the local organisations asking if they want students to volunteer with them, indicating they are wanting to gain experience as volunteers.
- + Teacher allocates class time each week over a full term in which the students undertake the newsletter/ website editing activity.
- + Students reflect on:
 - + what they learned about different texts and how to write for different audiences
 - + what were the common edits they had to perform
 - + how they felt about offering their services to a not for profit organisation
 - + whether they would do this again in their own time and how they would go about identifying another organisation to provide services to.

ASSESSMENT

Teacher to determine appropriate assessment.