

MEDIA RELEASE



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This International Volunteer Day - Volunteer for an Inclusive Future

Today marks International Volunteer Day (IVD), celebrating the theme of “Volunteer for an Inclusive Future”. This year IVD highlights volunteers contributing to inclusion, and Sustainable Development Goal 10, reducing inequality within and among countries.

Volunteering provides opportunities for people, particularly those often excluded, to positively impact their own lives and play a constructive role in their communities by volunteering their time and skills. Through volunteerism, communities around the world often experience strengthened solidarity and inclusion.

IVD is a day of celebration for volunteers to be acknowledged for their action and their value, and to promote their contribution locally and globally. In Australia one in three people engage in formal volunteering activities and programs with many more volunteering informally across a diverse range of sectors.

Don't forget to share your International Volunteer Day celebrations by using the hashtags **#IVD2019** and **#Volunteer4Inclusion**.

For more information about IVD or to find a volunteer role visit www.volunteeringaustralia.org.

New National Volunteer Week Theme and Logo

Volunteering Australia is pleased to announce the National Volunteer Week 2020 theme:

Changing Communities. Changing Lives

We have also developed a new logo and branding for National Volunteer Week, the new logo has been designed to be simple, modern and versatile and will be widely used in the lead-up to National Volunteer Week, as well as during the week itself.



As part of the new branding, we have developed resources including certificates, posters, invitations and social media images that will be available in the new year. The Volunteering Australia shop will be restocked early in 2020 with volunteer lapel pins, pens, post-it notes and lanyards. Look out for these in the new year.

All logos, resources and the shop will be available on the Volunteering Australia website, www.volunteeringaustralia.org.

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