



Curriculum of giving – student volunteer workshop

31 May 2018, 8.45am to 1.00pm

Education Development Centre 4 Milner St Hindmarsh

Encouraging student learning and wellbeing through volunteering

On the day

In this workshop, you'll learn strategies to encourage student learning and improve wellbeing by volunteering. We'll outline the benefits of volunteering for students and provide insights into how to run a successful student volunteer program at a school.

Keynote speakers



Dr Thomas Nielsen

Associate Professor, University of Canberra

Thomas has served in several of the Australian Government's [values and wellbeing education projects](#). He is the recipient of national teaching awards, including the [2008 Australian Government Office for Learning and Teaching Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning](#). He advocates a 'curriculum of giving'. His research shows that giving and service to others increases wellbeing and academic outcomes.



Tracey Wallace

Service Learning Coordinator, Scotch College

Previously Community Engagement Coordinator, Ocean View College

Tracey believes that volunteering and the enhancement of wellbeing go hand-in-hand. Tracey developed the uBuntu student volunteering program at Ocean View College with year 9 students. Tracey encourages other schools to develop a volunteer program and is keen to share knowledge gained and resources generated.

Students from Ocean View College

Some of the students involved in the uBuntu volunteer program at Ocean View College will share their experiences and stories.

Spotlight sessions

Marianne Nicholas

Project Officer, Australian Curriculum and Teaching for Effective Learning (TfEL), Department for Education

Marianne works with school leaders, across directorates in the department and with external organisations to improve the quality of education within the context of the Australian Curriculum by enacting the skills and dispositions of the general capabilities for 21st century learning and the pedagogy of the TfEL framework.

Tracy Zilm

Policy Implementation Officer, Engagement and Wellbeing directorate, Department for Education

Tracy supports wellbeing leaders to implement the [Wellbeing for Learning and Life framework](#) by developing evidence-based resources and wellbeing activities for use in preschools and schools.

Donatella Amos

Training and Development Manager, NV Education and Training Services (NVETS)

Donatella has more than 20 years experience in the volunteering sector. She provides training to flexible learning options students in Active Volunteering certificates. This helps students stay connected to learning and life, and to get employed.

Hosted by

Ann-Marie Hayes

Executive Director, Early Years and Child Development, Department for Education

Evelyn O'Loughlin

Chief Executive Officer, Volunteering SA&NT

Program

8.45am Registration

9.10am Kurna welcome and official opening

Ann-Marie Hayes and Evelyn O'Loughlin

9.25am Keynote speaker: Dr Thomas Nielsen, University of Canberra

Wellbeing and the curriculum of giving

Dr Nielsen's research on students shows that giving and service to others increases wellbeing and resilience which is something that's much needed in a western world with high youth depression and suicide rates. Volunteering is a very practical way of giving and living the meaningful life and plays an important part in solving the challenges of today.

10.15am Morning tea

10.30am Keynote speaker: Tracey Wallace and students from Ocean View College

Improving student wellbeing through volunteering

Hear about the student volunteer program affectionately known as uBuntu. Hear how it enhances student wellbeing and gives students a taste of volunteering and a passion for volunteering in the future.

11.15am Spotlight sessions

Donatella Amos, NV Education and Training Services (NVETS)

Certificate II & III in Active Volunteering

Explore how, through Certificate II & III in Active Volunteering, students can add value to their school studies, gain experience and confidence, and develop pathways into a broad range of industry areas.

11.25am Marianne Nicholas and Tracy Zilm, Department for Education

Beyond the general capabilities

Linking volunteering to the Australian Curriculum, the general capabilities and beyond.

12.15pm Wrap up

Dr Thomas Nielsen

12.30pm Thank you and an invitation to stay for networking and nibbles until 1pm

Ann-Marie Hayes and Evelyn O'Loughlin

These resources will be shared during the workshop

- Department for Education Student Volunteering Teacher Tool Kit
- [Fostering a culture of giving – Volunteering and the Australian curriculum](#)
- Student volunteers in action – videos

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