

Virtual Volunteering project ideas generator (VV)



VV is a way for students to make an impact on their communities via the internet, a computer, or any digital platform. This fact sheet presents just a few examples of VV projects that have already been set up. Use this fact sheet to generate ideas which will suit your university or colleges' needs.



Reading Club

The aim of this project is to improve literacy for recipients in the local community. Volunteers record every other chapter of a book and post this on-line in the form of a podcast. Recipients are encouraged to read the missing chapters to keep up with the story.

Virtual Smile

Volunteers choose a local organisation such as a hospice for children who are terminally ill and send good-will messages using on-line tools for example e-cards and emails.

This particular project can be adapted to address the needs of isolated groups such as those who are bed bound, young carers and those in prison.



Support and advice lines

The project EatBugs at Birmingham University provides advice and guidance for students experiencing eating distress. Could such a system work with one of your projects?

Setting up a Myspace

A student at University of Bedfordshire set up a myspace page in order to promote an on-line magazine to a wider audience. Myspace and other social networking sites can be used to; organise social events for your students, fundraising events and to promote any local charity within your community.



Translators

Multi-lingual volunteers can translate information and guidance sheets to meet the language needs of the local community.



VV can be bolted on to traditional types of volunteering. Why not use virtual volunteering to advertise your groups' fantastic volunteering opportunities on your website? By recruiting students to:

- blog about their volunteering experiences
- take photos, Podcasts and Vodcasts of your projects in action
- update your website

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