



### Volunteering: Community Mapping

#### Learning intentions

This activity is designed to help students identify local volunteering opportunities and groups. By investigating local networks, students will develop an understanding of the diverse opportunities there are to support people in their local community through meaningful activities.

#### Activity overview

Students will use their collective knowledge and research local volunteering groups and organisations to develop a comprehensive map of their community. Through this activity, they will develop an understanding of support networks and of the wide variety of ways people contribute to their communities.

#### Materials

- Whiteboard or A3 paper
- Pencils and markers
- Post-it notes
- Internet
- Devices.

#### Activity outline

- 1 Draw a circle in the centre of the whiteboard or paper and write 'community volunteering' in the middle of it.
- 2 Encourage students to share volunteering activities they know about within their local community. Focus on what these activities are and how they help people. Record responses around the heading 'community volunteering.'
- 3 Invite students to consider how they can expand their list and find out about other volunteering organisations that support their local community.
- 4 In small groups, or as a class, use devices to investigate organisations and volunteering groups which support the local community. Add students' research onto the community map.

#### Extension activity

**Encourage students to expand their lists by drawing another circle around the outside of their original circle.**

**As with the Civic Engagement poster, allow students to apply a new lens to research volunteer organisations at a state/territory or global level. As a further extension you could invite a volunteer into the classroom or visit one of the local volunteering organisations. Encourage students to prepare some questions in advance to ask community members about their experiences of volunteering.**

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