Volunteerism: A Growing Movement

A classroom resource for introducing effective volunteering and community mobilizing around local issues. This resource is a part of the WE Schools WE Volunteer Now campaign.

Grades 7 to 8
Canadian Edition
Dear Educator,

Welcome to the WE Movement. We are so glad you’ve joined us in our mission to inspire, educate and empower students to find their place in the world. Throughout the last two decades, educators have stood by us. With 16,000 schools and groups thriving in WE Schools, we are delivering impressive results in academic engagement, life skills and civic engagement. Through the WE Schools process of experiential service-learning, students engage in collaborative learning and independent reflection. As a result, your students will become more engaged in local and global issues.

Cineplex is one of Canada’s leading entertainment and media companies and the country’s largest motion picture exhibitor. WE Charity and Cineplex are working together to empower young Canadians to make a positive difference in their local communities and around the world. Cineplex has teamed up with the WE Schools program to create the WE Volunteer Now campaign, which encourages youth to take action to better their communities. Through Cineplex’s generosity, they will inspire and provide tangible skills to Canadian youth, so they are empowered through WE Schools to create social change and make a difference in the lives of others.

This classroom resource will help you bring discussions about the importance of creating purposeful volunteers and volunteering with an organization that aligns to your personal goals. This resource is designed to reach any student who has struggled to find a solution to a problem. We believe students will be better connected to each other and their classroom learning when we highlight the importance of developing passionate and effective volunteers who understand the purpose of donating their time and knowledge.

This is an exciting time to be an educator. Together, we have the power to reignite the fundamental purpose of education: moving students to want to learn, and preparing them with the life skills to better the world and forge their own paths to success.

Thank you for having the heart and the passion to bring the WE Schools Program into your class. We are honoured and encouraged to work with such a dedicated and enthusiastic group.

We are stronger together,

Craig and Marc Kielburger
Co-Founders, WE
Essential Question: What is experiential service-learning and how can I incorporate it into my classroom instruction with WE Schools curriculum resources?

WE Schools

WE Schools is a unique, step-by-step program that challenges young people to identify the local and global issues that spark their passion and empowers them with the tools to take action. Educators and students work together to learn about the world and to take action to create meaningful change. Delivered in 16,000 schools and groups across North America and the UK, the program provides educators and students with curriculum, educational resources and a full calendar of campaign ideas.

What Is Experiential Learning?

Experiential service-learning is based on a structured academic foundation that goes beyond volunteering and community service. It’s a practice that engages teachers and students with their communities in a structured way and allows students to meet their learning objectives while addressing their community’s needs.

The Four Steps of WE Schools

1. Investigate and Learn
   Students explore topics related to a real-world challenge or opportunity.

2. Action Plan
   Students develop a plan to implement their service-learning project, including one local and one global action.

3. Take Action
   Students implement their action plan.

4. Report and Celebrate
   Students present the results of their service-learning initiatives.

Setting Students Up For Success: In School, the Workplace and Life

WE Schools Introduction: WE.org/we-at-school/we-schools/

Living WE is about improving our lives and our world by reaching out to others. It involves focusing less on “me” and more on “we”—our communities, our country and our world.

Social Emotional Learning: The WE Learning Framework is grounded in social emotional learning principles, helping students develop the skills to manage their emotions, resolve conflicts and make responsible decisions.

Global Mindset: The ability to operate comfortably across borders, cultures and languages is invaluable. WE Schools programing promotes global mindedness and cultural competency amongst student populations during their formative years.

Active Citizenship: Students act on their growing knowledge by connecting with others in their communities, thereby generating interest, further research and engagement in local and national causes.

Reflection is a key component of our experiential service-learning model. Our reflection activities direct students’ attention to new interpretations of events and provide a lens through which service can be studied and interpreted.
Volunteerism—A Growing Movement Overview

Volunteerism in Canada has a long history of accomplishment. From neighbours helping the impoverished in tough times to communities honouring their veterans and elders, we continually step up to make our communities better places for us to live together. Volunteering brings together people who are passionate about a cause and connects them to independent initiatives and organizations that thrive on the drive, skill and commitment of volunteers.

The Volunteerism: A Growing Movement classroom resource is focused on developing passionate and effective volunteers who understand the purpose of donating their time and knowledge. Students will find a cause they are passionate about, find an organization that aligns to their cause and take action to volunteer in this organization. After participating in this resource, students will be ready to take action with the WE Volunteer Now campaign.

Rationale

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Assessing the Learning

You know your students best—their learning styles and preferences, skill levels and knowledge. You are in the best position to anticipate the habits of mind that will make this classroom resource successful. We are mindful that students may be at different reading levels, including English Language Learners (ELL), and may have learning differences. In response, the Educator Notes throughout the resource make suggestions for differentiation along with extension and enrichment ideas that can be used.

Teaching strategies include collaborative group work, T-charts, graphic organizers, questions and discussion, action planning and reflection. Assessment strategies include observations, entry and exit slips, charts, written, verbal or recorded reflection, discussions and presentations. Assessment strategies include observation, entry and exit slips, charts, written, verbal or recorded reflection, discussions, and presentations.

This resource includes suggestions for a variety of books, videos and other resources designed to engage student interest and deepen understanding. Before beginning, visit your Teacher-Librarian, local library or school district resource centre to get access to the resources listed in the Appendices.

► Explore other resources and current campaign offerings at WE.org
Subject(s): Social Studies, Language

Recommended Grade Level:
Grades 7 to 8

WE Learning Framework Skills:

Essential Questions:
- How can volunteering be impactful?
- Why volunteer?

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Source: Oxford Dictionaries [www.en.oxforddictionaries.com](http://www.en.oxforddictionaries.com)

Materials and Resources

- Chart paper and markers
- Computers or tablets with Internet access
- Appendix 1: Provincial Curriculum Correlations
- Appendix 2: Classroom Observation Forms
- Blackline Master 1: Milestones in Canadian Volunteering
Lesson 1:

Volunteerism in Canada

Suggested Time:
90 minutes

Learning Goals:
Students will:
• Identify how effective volunteering occurs
• Learn about volunteering milestones in Canada
• Reflect on a cause they are interested in

Investigate and Learn

1. **Recommended Assessment For Learning:** Show the video "Volunteers: Leading Change-Anne Melanson-TEDxMSVU". In small groups, discuss and write the answers to the following questions:
   a. Why should you contribute your time and talent?
   b. How can you shape your volunteer experience to be beneficial for the organization and for your own growth?
   c. Why is it important to choose a charitable organization that aligns to your social justice passion?
   d. Why has volunteer activity declined over the past 10 years?
   e. Why do we need younger volunteers?

2. As a class, discuss how does an individual's intrinsic motivation contributes to a highly impactful volunteer experience for the organization and person? How does volunteering selfishly benefit the organization?

3. Advise students that to understand how volunteerism has shaped the country they know today, they will be selecting and answering a few questions about a milestone in volunteerism. Ask students to find a partner to work with to complete the following activity.

4. **Recommended Assessment As Learning:** In their research and presentations, students should answer the following questions (display questions on the front board for student reference, some questions may need to be tailored to the milestone and not all questions may apply):
   a. Why is this a milestone (a significant action or event that marks a change or development)?
   b. What led to the development of the organization or milestone?
   c. What are the organization's headquarters or main geographic area of focus (e.g., city name, urban/rural or region)?
   d. What, if any, are the major highlights of the organization or milestone?
   e. Who was crucial to the founding or implementation (e.g., presidents, lawmakers, corporate leaders or everyday citizens)?
   f. What need was it addressing?
   g. Who got involved to start or grow the organization or milestone?
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6. After students have researched the milestone, have them create a presentation to educate their peers about their selected milestone. Each presentation should be displayed in a gallery walk in which students can actively engage and learn about the various milestones. The presentation can be created on a poster, PowerPoint, Sway or Video. Using the classroom observation forms in Appendix 2, collate student assessment information from the presentations they have created. Consider taking photographs of the presentations as evidence of student learning.

7. **Recommended Assessment Of Learning:** Once the gallery walk has been completed, display the following questions on the front board and on an exit slip, ask students to select three questions to respond to through short answer.
   a. Why is volunteerism important?
   b. What are the effects of volunteerism?
   c. Were there any trends that you noticed among the milestones presented (e.g., time period when many organizations began or times of greater need, types of volunteering)?
   d. What surprised you about volunteerism in Canada?
   e. What inspired you?
   f. What would you like to learn more about?
   g. Are there any organizations or causes that you would like to get involved with? If so, what are they?
Lesson 2:

Researching the Reason Behind Volunteer Projects

Suggested Time: 90 minutes

Learning Goals:
Students will:

- Identify an organization that aligns to their personal passions or interest
- Find and research the organization they want to volunteer in

1. Recommended Assessment For Learning: Show students the videos, “Suds for change – See Donovan Smith’s Story” www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0me9PlizBQ (2:44) and “Taking a stand against gun violence – Mary-Pat Hector” www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMj6wOoFVEg (0:38). Ask students, why did the people in the videos want to volunteer and contribute their time and talent? On an entry slip, answer the question: If I were to volunteer, what am I interested in devoting my time and talent to? What am I passionate about?

2. Explain to students they will be volunteering for a cause and/or organization of their choice. Students should select a cause they are passionate about since they will feel more dedicated to the project. They may choose an organization or cause they learned about in the previous lesson, or select a new one.

3. To help students with their selection, ask them to answer the following “would you rather” questions. Instruct students to write down their selection for each question to narrow down their choices. The questions provided are not intended to direct students to choose one over the other, but rather to inspire them to find the cause most important to them by considering the available options.

Would you rather:

- Volunteer for a local, national or international cause?
- Raise awareness or raise funds?
- Work with an existing organization or carry out service for the betterment of the community (e.g., clean a park, plant tree)?
- Volunteer your time (doing whatever is needed) or your skills (offering a specific skill you possess)?
- Work with people or animals?

4. In pairs, ask student to take three minutes to write down a list for each of the three sections below to identify the different types of volunteer experiences. Students may be general or specific. Once the three minutes are up, have them find another pair to compare answers with.

a. Demographic (type of people to work with): male/female, children, youth, seniors, general population, veterans, families or people who are differently abled.

b. Category (issue to work on): health, environment, education, music, politics, animals or literacy.

c. Skill or gift: time, manual labour, math skills, computer skills, organizing skills, mechanical skills, gardening skills.

5. Ask students to find a partner or small group of three to four students that they will select and complete a volunteer experience with. Encourage students to study their selections from the “would you rather” exercise and from the listing exercise. Ask them to select a demographic, category and skill they are most interested in applying to their volunteer experience. Based on their choices, direct students to think of a volunteer experience they would like to take on.

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Lesson 3:
Volunteer Awareness and Recruitment Fair

Suggested Time:
120 minutes

Learning Goals:
Students will:

• Prepare a persuasive and information presentation about a volunteer organization

• Organize a volunteer awareness and recruitment fair

Action Planning

1. Explain to students that, using the information from the previous lesson, they will create a persuasive and informational presentation for a volunteer awareness and recruitment fair that they will put on for their school and/or local community. In the presentation, students should detail the cause they selected, the need for volunteerism in relation to that cause and an explanation of why someone should volunteer with them.

2. Ask the class to brainstorm a list of items their presentation should include. Write their suggestions on the front board. Items may include, but are not limited to, the following:

   • Information about the cause that explains why they should get involved.

   • Information about the community organization where they would be volunteering (if applicable), including what the organization does and why it does this work.

   • The mission or purpose of the volunteer work (e.g., create a better environment, help end the cycle of poverty, provide local children with a fun place to play).

   • Specific volunteer opportunities that are available (these should be similar to a job description so visitors know that skills and experience the position requires).

   • Engaging visuals that will help *sell* the cause and volunteer activity.

   • A hook that pulls the visitor in and shows them their role within the larger cause.

3. Provide students with time to conduct any additional research necessary to fill in the gaps from their earlier work and to begin organizing the information for the presentation. Select a day to hold the fair but have students bring in their booth/presentation materials at least a day before to ensure everything is ready.

4. Encourage students to spread the word about the volunteer fair and invite family and friends. Ideas may include: social media posts, posters, flyers, school announcements, radio commercials, the school website and advertisements that run in the local and community newspaper. Ensure the date, time and location of the fair are clearly stated in addition to the purpose of the fair.

Take Action

5. On the day of the fair, have students set up their booths and presentations. Before opening the fair up to the public, circulate and ask students to run through their presentation information to work out any nerves they may have. During slow periods encourage students to visit other booths.

6. After the fair has taken place, check in with students to share their experiences. Use the following questions as a guide for the reflective conversation:

   • What was the most rewarding experience from the volunteer fair? Explain why it was so rewarding.

   • What was the most challenging part of the day?

   • Did you get anyone signing up to volunteer with you?

   • What could you do better next time?

   • What kind of connections did you make with people who visited your booth?

   • What skills did you use in preparing for and during the fair?

   • Did you learn anything from the visitors at your booth?

   • What is the most useful or helpful advice you could provide someone who is looking to start a volunteer project like the one you are completing?

   • Do you believe you are making a difference? Explain how?
Extension: Ask students to write a persuasive letter or oral presentation to the principal that discusses why their class should experience and complete a volunteer project in the organization they presented in the volunteer awareness and recruitment fair. In the letter, encourage students to communicate why they believe this organization will benefit and develop student’s skills and how students will be effective volunteers for this organization. Also discuss, how the organization’s purpose aligns to their own purpose or the schools.
Lesson 4:
WE Volunteer Now

Suggested Time:
120 minutes + Take action phase

Learning Goals:
Students will:
• Explore ways to take action in their local volunteer organizations

Action Planning

Educator’s Note: This lesson is a continuation of the Assessment Of Learning from the previous lesson and is designed as the summative task for this resource. Students have had the opportunity to learn about the purpose and history of volunteering and research a volunteer organization they would donate their skills and time. Students have also created a presentation to raise awareness about the organization and recruited other individuals who would be interested in their volunteer project.

1. In groups of three to four, ask students to discuss the following questions to reflect on their learning:
   a. How can an individual be an effective volunteer?
   b. Why is it important to volunteer in your school and local community?
   c. How does volunteer assist in the development of your local community?
   d. Why is it important to research and learn about the organization you are contributing your time and skills to?

2. Introduce students to the WE Schools WE Volunteer Now campaign www.WE.org/wevolunteernow. Explain to students that this campaign is focused on developing effective volunteers who understand the purpose of giving their time and knowledge and realize the positive impact this act has on local communities. The goal of the campaign is to not only encourage effective volunteering, but to create a growing movement of volunteers.

3. Ask students to keep in mind all they have learned throughout the course of the lessons and ask them the following questions:
   a. What are the goals of the WE Volunteer Now campaign?
   b. Why is volunteering important?
   c. What impact can your participation in WE Volunteer Now have on your local, national or global communities?

4. In small groups, ask students to think about how they can continue to contribute to the WE Volunteer Now campaign. Encourage students to consider the impact of their volunteer awareness and recruitment fair. Was this fair an impactful experience for those who attended? Were they more likely to volunteer their time and skills to the suggested organizations?

5. Ask students to think and discuss additional actions they can participate in and discuss in their small groups.

Example Actions:
• Spend time each week in their school or local communities cleaning up the playgrounds, parks and bushland to ensure that your community is clean and welcoming.
• Rally a group to volunteer at the local homeless shelter to serve meals to your local community.
• Tutor students who are finding certain subjects challenging.
• Choose an organization from the volunteer awareness and recruitment fair each month and give your time and skills to the organization.

Report and Celebrate

6. Invite students to share their learning process and actions they took with students from the class or the wider school community to continue to raise awareness about the importance of volunteering. Challenge students to continue volunteering their time and skills to organizations and causes they are passionate about.

7. Create a PowerPoint or Sway presentation with video and pictures to show the world your impact with #WEvolunteerNow; include tricks and tips to help others be responsible users of social media. Post the link to your Sway or PowerPoint on Twitter and Facebook with the hashtag #WEvolunteerNow. The presentations can be displayed in the school library to run each week or shown to students during an assembly to raise further awareness about the action and the issue.

8. Ask students to create an accessible video, blog, or written or visual reflection, to understand the deeper impact of the Take Action phase and to consider how they can ensure their initiative has lasting impacts.

Reflection questions:
• How will we ensure that the initiatives we started will continue?
• How might we support the initiative to spread to other social media users?
• How will we continue to seek feedback from others about additional ways we can make change in our communities?
• How can we share our knowledge about the importance of volunteering in our local communities?
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### Alberta

#### Grade 7

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- Individuals, Societies, and Economic Decisions
- Interdependence

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- Comprehend and Connect
- Create and Communicate

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- Communication
- Critical thinking
- Personal awareness and responsibility
- Social responsibility

The *WE Volunteer Now* lesson package also help address the B.C. Language Arts curriculum goals to:
- Become proficient and knowledgeable users of language, in all its forms, to achieve their personal, social and career aspirations.
- Appreciate language and learning as lifelong sources of joy, curiosity and passion.
- Think creatively, critically and reflectively about language and texts as part of constructing and communicating personal meaning.

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- 1688: The first Canadian volunteer agency was founded in New France, known as Bureau des Pauvres

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- 1846: With beginnings in France, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul was introduced in Canada

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- 1900: The Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire was founded to promote volunteerism and providing assistance to others

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