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Thank you for agreeing to participate in this study! This questionnaire is the first step in a larger project examining young people's involvement in environmental volunteering. In completing this questionnaire, you are indicating that you accept the conditions on the following page. It should take you approximately 10 minutes to complete.



Consent Information

You should be 18 years of age or older to participate in this survey. This project has been approved by the University of South Australia's Human Research Ethics Committee. If you have any ethical concerns about the project or questions about your rights as a participant please contact the Executive Officer of this Committee and quote ethics approval number 201422, Tel: +61 8 8302 3118; Email: humanethics@unisa.edu.au

Purpose of Research

The University of South Australia is conducting this research project to gather information about the barriers to youth environmental volunteer engagement. The results of this research are intended to assist conservation organisations in mitigating these barriers and increase their recruitment and retention of youth volunteering.

Risks and Benefits

It is not anticipated that there are any risks from participating in this study beyond those encountered in everyday life. Benefits from this study include gaining a deeper understanding of environmental volunteering and an increased knowledge of its impacts on mental health, wellbeing and physical fitness. Identifying these barriers will enable us to design an intervention to increase environmental volunteering, benefiting the wider community.

Participation and Withdrawal

Your participation is entirely voluntary. You may withdraw from the study at any point, without consequences of any kind.

Data Collection, Storage and Use

This survey is being administered as a paper copy. The responses you submit will be stored in a locked drawer of a locked room (located in P2-28b, Mawson Lakes Campus of University of South Australia). Your responses will not be personally identifiable. The data will be summarized and published in a report. The researcher will take every care to remove responses from any identifying material as early as possible. Likewise individual responses will be kept confidential by the researcher and not be identified in the reporting of the research. Non-identifiable data will be retained for five years.

Reporting Findings

All records containing personal information will remain confidential and no information which could lead to identification of any individual will be released unless required by law. A summary of the research findings can be emailed to you at the completion of the study (expected date of completion is November 2018) if you desire and you choose to provide an email address for this purpose.

Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns about this research, please feel free to contact us:

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Please note: For the purposes of this survey, “youth” refers to a person who is 12-25 years of age.

1) Which organisation are you currently volunteering for? (i.e. the group in which you received this questionnaire).

2) How many years have you volunteered with this organisation? _____ years

Please indicate how strongly you *agree* or *disagree* with each of the following statements:

3) My organisation is very welcoming of youth volunteers.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4) I believe it would be very beneficial to have more youth volunteers in my organisation.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5) Most members in my organisation would be very supportive of recruiting more youth volunteers.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6) My group puts a lot of effort into recruiting youth volunteers.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7) My organisation promotes itself effectively to attract new volunteers.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8) My organisation finds it easy to recruit new youth volunteers.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9) Members of my organisation are very passionate when it comes to achieving our goals.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10) In my experience, youth volunteers have been very passionate in my organisation.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11) My organisation gives volunteers freedom to take personal responsibility for their job.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12) My organisation includes members in its decision-making process.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
13) My organisation makes every effort to work around the time availability of its members.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
14) My organisation holds events and meetings at varying times and days of the week.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
15) My organisation requires a high level of time commitment.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
16) My organisation often provides opportunities for further training and learning.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
17) Training is required to competently perform the volunteer roles in my organisation.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
18) In my organisation, everyone understands each other's roles and responsibilities.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19) My organisation's volunteering schedule is highly structured.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
20) My organisation is good at communicating with youth.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
21) I am happy with the number of youth volunteers in my organisation.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

22) From the volunteering events you have attended, how many volunteers do you think are in your organisation?

23) From the volunteering events you have attended, how many youth volunteers do you think are in your organisation?

24) Please tick the key benefits you gain from volunteering in your organisation.

- Health and wellbeing
- Spending time with friends/interesting people
- Professional networking
- Developing skills for future employment
- Contributing to the community
- Personal interest/learning about the environment
- Giving back to nature
- Other: please specify below

25) Does your organisation provide incentives to entice new volunteers?
(Please circle one)

Yes / No

26) What incentives, if any, does your organisation offer youth to participate in volunteering?

27) What actions, if any, does your organisation take to make youth volunteers feel welcome?

28) What is your organisation's most frequently used method of communication with the public?

- Community newspaper
- Community noticeboards
- Community radio
- E-mail lists
- Face-to-face communication at events
- Newsletters and brochures
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
- Television advertisements
- Website
- Other: please specify

29) How effective do you think this method of communication is at connecting with potential youth volunteers?

Not at all effective Not very effective Neutral Somewhat effective Very effective

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	Rarely	Monthly	Fortnightly	Weekly	Daily
30) On average, approximately how regularly does your organisation communicate with the public?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Rarely	Monthly	Fortnightly	Weekly	Daily
31) On average, approximately how regularly does your organisation communicate with its members?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

32) In your opinion, the minimum time commitment a volunteer should make is:

_____ hours per week
Or
 _____ hours per month
Or
 _____ hours per year

If you feel there should be no time commitment, write '0'

33) What do you think the main reason/s are that young people don't volunteer?

34) How would you define a successful volunteer group?

If you have any other thoughts about volunteering, please feel free to write them here.

This completes the questionnaire. Thank you for your participation!

If you would like to receive a summary of the results, please enter your email address below. Estimated completion of the study is November 2018.
