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## Stimulus 1

The following written stimulus is an extract from a blog post published on Voices of Youth by Haydn Jackson, a student excelling in Year 12 studies at Queensland School, together with some readers' comments.

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### 'New Age' Volunteering

By Haydn Jackson | June 25, 2018

Everyone says that volunteering is for older people (non-millennials!) because it requires lots of sacrifice, energy and time. Apparently, they're the ones who want to help others, not millennials who are supposedly lazy, self-entitled, have no attention span and are apathetic.

So, volunteering organisations aren't doing anything to attract us then, right?

Wrong. Definitely wrong!

There are some fantastic causes out there being run by progressive volunteering organisations who make it meaningful and worthwhile for us. They:

- give us a chance — they let us help plan and promote the cause
- play to our strengths — they ask us to share our skills; they know we're more digitally aware than older people, and let us monitor their social media presence
- show faith in us — they openly recognise our talent, enthusiasm and readiness to help. They also help us choose the right volunteering organisation for our skills.

According to the Australian National Youth Survey, two in five young people are now making volunteering even more effective and powerful than ever. The survey also shows that, at long last, at least 20% of volunteering organisations are tapping into the expertise of the young 21st century talent pool available to them.

### Comments

**Naresh (Teacher)**

June 25, 2018

Volunteering is attracting lots of young people because many schools are encouraging students to give to others. It's interesting and rewarding, but it also looks good on resumes.

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**Jess**

June 25, 2018

Mum always says that volunteering takes commitment, but that it gives back over and over. Like instead of gaming and being with your friends, you go out and help others. Makes you feel good.

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**Lee**

June 26, 2018

I'm a nurse at a retirement village and we have students from the nearby high school volunteering each week to read to our residents. I'm not sure who enjoys it most!

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