

Celebrating IYV+10

IYV+10 Logo

The IYV+10 logo evokes and takes inspiration from the original logo from IYV in 2001.

Visit World Volunteer Web for the logo and tag line in the six UN languages along with the Terms of Use.



Vision Statement and Global Call for Action

As a result of the consultative stakeholders meeting in October 2009, two documents were created to promote the "spirit of volunteerism" and encourage global action:

- A **Vision Statement** which embraces volunteering as universal and inclusive, and recognizes volunteering in all its diversity, with a firm belief in the values of equality, solidarity, civic engagement as well as individual and collective freedoms.
- A **Global Call for Action** which encourages all leaders in Governments, volunteer involving organizations, civil society, private sector, non-governmental organizations, the United Nations system and from communities to recognize and celebrate the achievements of volunteers by actively engaging in marking IYV+10.

Inspiring the Volunteer in You



The tenth anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers provides us the opportunity to recognize and celebrate the will, positive energy and innovation of millions of people for human development and human rights through a multitude of volunteering initiatives from locally initiated activities to structured full-time engagements.

IYV+10 will highlight the great diversity of volunteers of all ages, origins, cultures, socio-economic backgrounds and experiences.

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***Volunteer action -
inspiring millions of
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IYV+10

2001 was proclaimed as the International Year of Volunteers or 'IYV' to enhance the recognition, facilitation, networking and promotion of volunteer service (United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/Res/52/17 of 1997). Thanks to volunteers and their supporters, 123 national committees were set-up by the end of 2001, and measures were taken to enhance volunteerism around the world.

Follow-up reports led the General Assembly to call for the marking of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10) in 2011 (A/Res/63/153). The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme has been designated as the focal point for IYV+10.

Objective of IYV+10

IYV+10 will celebrate volunteering as an expression of our common humanity and as a means to:

- Build respect, understanding, trust, solidarity and reciprocity
- Benefit both society at large and the individual volunteer
- Contribute to human development and human rights
- Engage the will, positive energy and innovation of millions of people towards realizing the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
- Create an enabling environment for citizen engagement through the development of volunteering policies, supportive legislation and other infrastructure

Global Campaign

The global agenda of IYV+10 will be driven by celebrations and activities by international stakeholders, including volunteer involving organizations, Governments, UN agencies, and private foundations. A Global Plan of Action was developed as a result of a consultative stakeholders meeting convened by UNV in October 2009 bringing together more than 40 international organizations. UNV will support different global events including:

- A Global Summit on Volunteerism and the MDGs mid 2011
- Two UN General Assembly Sessions dedicated to IYV+10 in December 2011
- Launch of the first State of the World's Volunteerism Report in 2011
- A Photo and multimedia exhibition in December 2011 showcasing "Volunteers of the World"

National Campaigns

The success of IYV+10 will largely depend on the initiative and involvement of national-level actors. National multi-stakeholder committees will bring together different national actors from civil society, government and the private sector in order to develop a national agenda for volunteerism for peace and development.

Getting Involved

There are many ways you can get involved to mark IYV+10:

Visit World Volunteer Web

www.worldvolunteerweb.org is the space where you can find news, background information and useful tools for IYV+10.

Liaise with your Organization and others

Assist with events your organization will host. Use the IYV+10 promotional materials to brand your own organization's campaign. Contact other organizations in your country to exchange event ideas and collaborate on IYV+10.

Link to UN Days

Link specific activities to related UN Days. Send us your stories and pictures highlighting how volunteerism contributes to achieving objectives related to UN Days, such as World Refugee Day, World Day for Cultural Diversity, World Poverty Day, World Environment Day or World Health Day.

You find the list of the UN Days on www.worldvolunteerweb.com



Find and Offer Support Online

[Want to volunteer online for IYV+10?](#)

Visit www.onlinevolunteering.org for opportunities to support IYV+10 activities. Go to the 'Opportunity Search' and type 'IYV+10' in the keyword field.

[Looking for volunteers to support your IYV+10 activities?](#)

Register your organization on www.onlinevolunteering.org and post IYV+10 related opportunities for volunteers to support you over the Internet.