

# CHANGETHETHEWORLD FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### **What is the *ChangeTheWorld* campaign? What is the objective?**

The *ChangeTheWorld – Ontario Youth Volunteer Challenge* is an annual campaign for youth aged 14 to 18 to volunteer a minimum of three hours. The 2017 campaign runs for 6 weeks and kicks off during *National Volunteer Week* (April 23 to 29) through to June 3.

### **If I'm outside the ages 14 to 18, can I still participate?**

Unfortunately, your hours won't be counted towards the campaign, but you WILL gain tremendous benefit of having made a difference in your community!

### **Can I stay involved after the campaign?**

Absolutely! That's why this campaign was created. We want you to find something you love and make a longlasting impact. If you find something you like, why not stay with it? Volunteering is a great way to build up new skills and make new friends. You never know where it will take you.

### **I don't know what I'm interested in...**

We can help! Get in touch with Volunteer Ottawa (VO) to guide you through the process. Together, we will find your passion!

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### **What are the requirements for my students to participate in *ChangeTheWorld*?**

Requirements are: Students must be 14-18 years of age to qualify. Whatever event or activity is planned, it must give back to the community to benefit a non-profit/charity of their choice (i.e. awareness campaign, fundraiser, etc.). The event/activity must be held during the timeframe of *ChangeTheWorld* which is April 23 through to June 3.

### **Why should our school/students get involved in *ChangeTheWorld*?**

ChangeTheWorld provides the opportunity for your students to be part of something big... something really BIG! All volunteer hours during the campaign count towards your students 40 hours of community engagement required for graduation. The campaign has been endorsed by the Ministry of Education. It is delivered in partnership by the Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration & International Trade and the Ontario Volunteer Centre Network (OVCN).

### **What is the Volunteer Centre's role in *ChangeTheWorld*?**

We know how busy school staff are, the Volunteer Centres are here to help! The *ChangeTheWorld* coordinator at Volunteer Ottawa will be your main your contact to help guide you through the planning process, and answer any questions you may have. This campaign provides the opportunity for your students to take their passions and interests and put them into action. We have everything you need, and offer all the support necessary to make this happen. Contact Eric Shirley at [engagement@volunteerottawa.ca](mailto:engagement@volunteerottawa.ca) for more information.

### **What type of activities/events could my students do?**

From food drives, to variety shows, the ideas are endless! We always encourage students to use their creativity to create their own events. You can also consult with Eric Shirley for more event ideas and event planning assistance.

### **We have an event at our school that's happening during the *ChangeTheWorld* timeframe. If we are doing it regardless, why do we need to register our event for *ChangeTheWorld*?**

We want to recognize your students in this provincial effort! By registering your event during the *ChangeTheWorld* timeframe, every student that volunteers will receive a *ChangeTheWorld* certificate. This certificate acknowledges their hours and contribution

they have made to help *ChangeTheWorld* in their local school, community, and across Ontario!

**Would someone be able to come in and speak to our students about the *ChangeTheWorld* campaign, and how to get involved?**

Absolutely! Contact Eric Shirley at [engagement@volunteerottawa.ca](mailto:engagement@volunteerottawa.ca) to check availability. Volunteer Ottawa will do their best to accommodate! VO also have promotional material available to post within your school to let your students know about how they can get involved.

**Is there something I have to report on once the campaign has wrapped up?**

As part of ensuring your students hours contribute to our total results for the province, we ask that you submit the number of hours and youth that have participated in your events during the *ChangeTheWorld* time frame, to Eric Shirley [engagement@volunteerottawa.ca](mailto:engagement@volunteerottawa.ca) at Volunteer Ottawa. There is also a simple survey we encourage you to provide to your students, to in order for us to get feedback about their experiences and help us improve our program where needed!

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