

# Harvard Serves Everywhere

## VIRTUAL VOLUNTEERING

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Harvard Serves Everywhere is a pilot program that connects students with virtual volunteer opportunities. If you would like to publicize a virtual volunteer opportunity out to the Harvard community, take two minutes to [list it here](#).

### Harvard-Based Opportunities

- 1) **Voices of Eco-Justice** is designed to co-create an online, freely accessible interactive global learning experience to address a critical gap in environmental education, namely justice-oriented learning. Hosted on the Harvard-developed LabXchange platform, multi-media resources on the topic of Eco-Justice are being curated to offer a comprehensive foundation to the field aimed at a global audience of learners with little to no background knowledge on the subjects. Core topics inherent to Eco-Justice include activism, diversity and access in the environmental movement, environmental racism, ecofeminism, climate (in)justice, indigenous peoples and much more. Offering the opportunity to explore uniquely assembled content and support its build-out as lay experts, the activity calls for volunteers to share their insights and feedback on critical issues of our day. For more information, check out the [Voices of Eco-Justice presentation](#) or contact Dr. Wendy Purcell at [wpurcell@hsph.harvard.edu](mailto:wpurcell@hsph.harvard.edu).
- 2) The **Health and Policy Analysis Team (HPAT)** is an intercollegiate ethnographic journalism, research, and advocacy initiative started by students at Harvard and Columbia. Through projects that highlight different aspects and issues of public health and health policy, HPAT stresses that the significance of our wellness extends beyond current events. For the latest list of open volunteer opportunities, visit <http://tinyurl.com/joinhpat> or contact Anu Zaman at [anushazaman@college.harvard.edu](mailto:anushazaman@college.harvard.edu).

- 3) The **Coronavirus Visualization Team's** mission is to fight the infodemic by bringing together students for research projects, visualizing the expertise and work of experts and frontline heroes, and publishing what others are missing to better inform the public on what has been and what will be most impacted. They are working to show objective statistics from reliable sources on what has been and what will be most impacted, provide help to organizations fighting on the frontlines, and develop data-driven policy proposals. For more information, contact Lucas Chu at [lucaschu@college.harvard.edu](mailto:lucaschu@college.harvard.edu) or visit <https://scholar.harvard.edu/cvt/about>.
- 4) **Wave Learning Festival** is a student-run educational platform that aims to teach students through seminars on a variety of topics. They strive to provide equitable educational resources while alleviating some of the new pressures that have fallen on working parents during the pandemic. At the moment, they are looking for seminar leaders to submit course ideas. They also are seeking volunteers who want to help with marketing or tech development. For more information, visit <http://www.wavelf.org> or contact Karly Hou at [karlyhou@college.harvard.edu](mailto:karlyhou@college.harvard.edu).
- 5) Over the summer, **PBHA** coordinated mutual aid support in addition to running virtual summer camps through the Summer Urban Program. Staff and student leaders remain committed to meeting the needs of campers and families throughout the year. By offering community assistance, mutual aid directly works to address structural and systemic inequalities; joining a mutual aid group or donating to a mutual aid fund is one important way to support the movement. [Click here](#) to learn more.

### **Small Business Support**

- 1) **Cambridge Local First** (CLF) is a non-profit network of locally owned and independent businesses formed in October 2005 to build a strong local economy and a vibrant community. The mission of CLF is to support, promote, and celebrate a Local Economy Community by educating the public and government about the significant environmental, economic, and cultural benefits of a strong local economy. CLF is seeking volunteers to help with several projects including social media support, grant-writing support, partnership-building support, and programmatic support. For more information, contact Theodora Skeadas at [theodora@cambridgelocalfirst.org](mailto:theodora@cambridgelocalfirst.org).

## Arts and Education

- 1) **Change The Tune** is a non-profit organization that dismantles inequitable systems by providing transformational learning experiences. They leverage an interwoven set of creative programming that serves a variety of audiences leveraging universal culturally responsive connectors including food and music. They are seeking volunteers to help with social media work and creating content for after-school lab assignments. For more information, contact Charli Kemp at [charlikemp@gse.harvard.edu](mailto:charlikemp@gse.harvard.edu).
- 2) **EVkids** empowers inner-city Boston youth with the skills and confidence needed to realize their potential. Two programs, EVkids Tutoring and EVkids Summer Camp, help low-income, academically vulnerable children and teens (grades 4-12) succeed in school and life by systematically strengthening core academic skills, organizational habits, and other life skills. EVkids is seeking a motivated volunteer corps of university students who provide 1-on-1, multi-year, after-school tutoring and mentoring, closely supported by professional staff who provide family engagement and school advocacy. EVcorps tutors are university students and education advocates who form personal, multi-year relationships with their tutees. Tutoring is 1-on-1 academic mentoring for grades 4-12. Because of the pandemic, we are looking for college students to serve as virtual tutors this year, one day per week (Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday) between 4 and 6pm. For more information, contact Anna Ryan at [annaryan@evkids.org](mailto:annaryan@evkids.org).
- 3) **CovEd** is a community of undergraduates, postgraduates, students, and educators from colleges/universities across the U.S. who serve as mentors for K-12 students in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, visit <https://www.coved.org/>.
- 4) **EduMate NYC** is a group of college students seeking to support New York City public school students in this time of need by connecting them with free, virtual tutoring. They focus on helping students from low-income, underrepresented, and vulnerable communities. For more information, visit <https://students.edumatenyc.org>.
- 5) **Open Online Education Project (OOEP)** is a group of students, faculty, and technologists, growing out of Harvard and MIT, working on online education at the university level. They are developing open-source online educational tools, advocating for the publishing of free online education materials, and creating collaborations between institutions to address problems in online education. For more information, visit [ooep.org/projects](https://ooep.org/projects).
- 6) **Meaningful Teens** is an organization that teaches English and reading comprehension to English Language Learners. Through the use of online technology, motivated volunteers work with bilingual students from all across the country and beyond. This work will not only help educate learners from nonprofit

partners, but it will also enable high school and college tutors to expand their view of the world. Anyone who is interested in online mentoring can contact [meaningfulteens@gmail.com](mailto:meaningfulteens@gmail.com) or visit the Meaningful Teens website at <https://www.meaningfulteens.org> for more information.

## **Public Health**

- 1) **American Red Cross** is seeking blood donations as supplies are critically low across the country. Find your blood drive at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>.

## **Immigrant, Refugee, and Human Rights Advocacy**

- 1) **Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project** of Catholic Charities of Los Angeles serves especially vulnerable immigrant communities. Esperanza provides direct representation, pro bono placement, and pro se legal education. They are always looking to recruit talented and passionate volunteers. They are currently looking for an immigrant rights advocate to help manage their social media and expand the visibility of their organization. If you are interested in getting involved, please join one of our monthly New Volunteer Information and Registration Sessions, held every 2nd Thursday of the month. For more details and to register, please click here: <https://goo.gl/forms/pO9cBHEc4b9Kogf92>.
- 2) **Amnesty International** is creating a global network of digital volunteers to help with researching human rights violations. For more information about specific projects and volunteer registration, visit <https://decoders.amnesty.org>.
- 3) **Translators Without Borders** is seeking virtual volunteers to help provide translation services. Whether students are interested in translating medical texts or translating for crisis response, there are engaging projects for a number of needs. For more information, visit <https://translatorswithoutborders.org/volunteer/>.
- 4) **International Rescue Committee** is seeking virtual volunteers to support their Digital Access Project and their Refugee Empowerment Volunteer program. For more information, visit <https://rescueglobal.secure.force.com/volunteer/>.

## Environmental Advocacy

- 1) **Association to Preserve Cape Cod** is seeking volunteers to assist with a membership drive to expand their environmental advocacy to reach college aged students. Their mission is to preserve, protect and enhance the Cape's natural resources. Volunteers can develop public service announcements on a variety of environmental issues. For more information, visit <https://apcc.org/> or contact Kristin Andres at [kandres@apcc.org](mailto:kandres@apcc.org).
- 2) **Sierra Club** is seeking virtual volunteers for a number of communications-focused environmental advocacy projects across the U.S. For more information, visit <https://clubvolunteer.org/volunteer>.
- 3) **The Social Justice + Engineering Initiative** is a conscious engineering, social justice, and environmental justice organization that seeks to implement sustainable engineering practices, designs, and developments that adhere to social and environmental justice. They have several volunteer needs related to community outreach and project management. For more information, visit <https://sjei.org/volunteer>.

## Supply Drives

- 1) **Feeding America** is organizing volunteers to help with food collection and meal delivery. To find ways to support your local food bank, visit <https://www.feedingamerica.org/take-action/volunteer>.

## Crisis Response

- 1) **Samaritans of New York** operates the city's 24-hour suicide prevention hotline. Last year, we answered over 75,000 hotline calls. Samaritans is part of a well-established international network of 400 centers in 42 countries where over 20,000 volunteers provide crisis response and emotional support services to people who are in distress, depressed and suicidal. They are seeking hotline volunteers who undergo intensive training to provide a professional crisis response service. For more information, visit <https://samaritansnyc.org/volunteer-2/>.
- 2) **Crisis Text Line** is seeking volunteers to respond to crisis situations across the United States. For more information, visit <https://www.crisistextline.org/become-a-volunteer/>.

## **Technical and Archival Support**

- 1) **Father Joe's Villages**, a San Diego-based program that helps people experiencing homelessness and poverty, is seeking volunteers to help them to develop training documents and consult in process improvement. For more information, contact Rocio Hammershaimb at [rocio.hammershaimb@neighbor.org](mailto:rocio.hammershaimb@neighbor.org).
- 2) **Wazo Pevu Organization**, a NGO in Tanzania, is looking for technical support in support of fundraising, grant writing, IT support, office administration, and organizational development. For more information, contact Johnson Dickson at [j.dickson@wazopevu.org](mailto:j.dickson@wazopevu.org).
- 3) **United Nations Volunteers** offers a variety of ways for volunteers to use writing, design, research, and technical skills to support organizations around the world. For more information, visit <https://www.onlinevolunteering.org/en/opportunities>.

## **Voter Engagement**

- 1) **New Voters** is a student-run 501(c)(3) that works towards 100% voter registration in high schools across America. They empower high school student-leaders to host successful non-partisan voter registration drives at their school through a college mentorship program. New Voters is currently rolling out its innovative near-to-peer mentorship framework with the goal of registering 100,000 high school students by the 2020 general election. They are in need of college volunteers to serve as mentors that provide guidance to high school students and communicate via email with their assigned mentees nationwide. For more information please visit: <https://www.new-voters.org> or email Cameron Deal at [cameron@new-voters.org](mailto:cameron@new-voters.org).

## **Mutual Aid Network**

Find your local mutual aid network through **Mutual Aid Hub** to meet an immediate need in your home community. For more information, visit <https://www.mutualaidhub.org/>.