

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](#).

Featured Opportunities

- 1) **SoGreen** is a social startup, based in Iceland that seeks to address the climate crisis by unlocking the potential of girls in the World's least developed countries. Ensuring the education of girls has an incredibly powerful impact on reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions because of the strong effect it has on ending child marriage and preventing early teen pregnancies. More than 132 million girls around the world are prevented from realizing their right to education. Ensuring that all girls complete a secondary education could result in 59.6 gigatons of emissions reduced by 2050, a massive contribution to the fight against climate change. In the 2017 book *Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming*, a team of scientists and researchers ranked the world's top existing climate solutions. Educating girls was ranked the 6th most effective; more effective than electric cars, afforestation, mass transit and power generation from solar, offshore wind, wave and tidal power.

SoGreen is designing a mathematical model that will calculate the emissions avoided by educational projects run by the world's humanitarian organizations, both global and local. SoGreen will provide the calculation and guidance to enable these organizations to generate certified carbon credits through their work that will be sold in the international carbon credit market. This will introduce a brand new and sustainable revenue stream for the humanitarian organizations that will greatly increase their reach and impact. SoGreen needs volunteers with strong statistical and analytical skills to evaluate population data, GHG data, and analyze GHG emission calculations. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Gudny Nielsen at gudny@sogreen.is.

- 2) **Accion's Global Advisory Solutions (GLAS)** team is seeking volunteers with market research, business intelligence/data analyses and project management experience to work on a variety of initiatives to support our subject matter experts in delivering best practices, strategies and key IP that support & enhance our offerings to financial service providers around the world, particularly those who serve vulnerable and underserved MSMEs. GLAS' core expertise is advanced and supported by our capability areas which include: Strategic Use of Data, Product Development, Digital Lending, Customer Insights and Experimentation and Customer Capacity Building. The volunteers will work up to 6-10 hours per week. For more information, contact Jennifer Fitzpatrick at jfitzpatrick@accion.org.
- 3) **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, grant writing, and course facilitation for after-school lab assignments. For more information, contact Charli Kemp at charlikemp@gse.harvard.edu.

Harvard-Based Opportunities

- 1) **Erevna** is an international, intercollegiate, and interdisciplinary nonprofit providing student research opportunities. They host panels, fellowships, and -thon events focused on education, data science, startups, public policy writing, and more for over five thousand students. They are seeking volunteers for several projects: to learn more, go to <http://bit.ly/erevnaapp> or email Lucas Chu at lucaschu@college.harvard.edu.
- 2) **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.

Education

- 1) **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/>.
- 2) **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://www.edumatenyc.org/>.

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>.

Human Rights and Legal Services

- 1) **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>.
- 2) **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/>.
- 3) **American Red Cross of Massachusetts** is seeking volunteers to help alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. They have several volunteer needs, which can be found at https://volunteerconnection.redcross.org/?nd=rco_opportunity_browse_list. For more information, contact Ray Duffy at ray.duffy@redcross.org.

Environmental Advocacy

- 1) **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>.

Technical and Archival Support

- 1) **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>.
- 2) **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/>.

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.

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) **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/>.

Mutual Aid Networks

Since last summer, **PBHA** has coordinated mutual aid support in addition to offering a wide range of programming throughout the year. Staff and student leaders remain committed to meeting the needs of campers and families. 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 about PBHA's work](#). If you're looking for a local mutual aid network, **Mutual Aid Hub** provides a searchable database. For more information, visit <https://www.mutualaidhub.org/>.