



2026 VOLUNTEERING EXPO EXHIBITOR PROSPECTUS

University of Canberra Refectory | Friday, 20 March | 1pm - 6pm

www.volunteeringact.org.au



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

VolunteeringACT acknowledges the Ngunnawal people as the Traditional Custodians of the Canberra Region and recognises any other peoples or families with connection to this Country. We acknowledge and respect their vital ongoing contribution to the community and are committed to reconciliation. We will continue to walk alongside First Nations Peoples and embrace the traditions, stories, and wisdoms of the oldest continuing cultures in the world.

This document was created on Ngunnawal Country.

VolunteeringACT acknowledges volunteers of all ages, abilities, genders, and sexualities, and from all cultures. Their skills, expertise, and time are critical to delivering services and programs, and making Canberra a better place to live.

We also acknowledge the contribution of volunteer involving organisations that contribute to the health and happiness of our community.



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ABOUT VOLUNTEERING EXPO

2026 is the International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development. Our Volunteering Expo is part of this global momentum recognising volunteering as the driving force for sustainable development.

Our annual Volunteering Expo is the leading exhibition for volunteer involving organisations in the ACT and region, where exhibitors connect with Canberra's enthusiastic volunteers and potential volunteers who are eager to make a difference.

Any organisation that utilises volunteers and seeks to attract more is invited to participate.

The Expo is designed to

- Showcase diverse volunteering opportunities
- Inspire people to get involved in the community
- Support organisations to recruit, engage and retain volunteers
- Strengthen collaborations across the community sector

There will be amazing food and coffee, activities for children, music and a smoking ceremony, making this event a fun family event.

The Expo is a free event to attend and attracts people from all backgrounds, ages and abilities. We encourage you to showcase volunteering opportunities that are accessible to everyone.

In 2025, we had more than 60 exhibitors from all sectors including sport, health, arts and culture, tourism, community services and many more!

More than 900 people attended the Expo in 2025 and we received overwhelmingly positive feedback from attendees on the value of the event.

Previous exhibitors

- Abilities Unlimited Australia
- ACT Environmental Volunteers
- ACT Greens
- ACT Neighbourhood Watch
- ACT Wildlife
- Anglicare NSW South, NSW West, ACT
- Australian Red Cross
- Barnardos
- Bush Heritage Australia
- Canberra Health Services
- Canberra Repertory Society
- Capital Athletics
- CMS Radio
- Communities at Work
- Community Services #1
- Covenant Care
- DiversityACT
- Fearless Women Incorporated
- Good Omen Goodeze Inc
- Hartley LifeCare
- Indigenous Reading Project
- Kids in Care ACT
- Lids4Kids Australia
- Multicultural Communities Council of Illawarra (MCCI)
- MIEACT (Mental Illness Education ACT)
- Meridian
- MTC Australia
- Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House
- National Arboretum Canberra and Stromlo Forest Park
- National Capital Authority
- Navitas Skilled Futures
- Office of Alicia Payne MP
- Orange Sky Australia
- Palliative Care ACT
- Pams Pantry
- Parentline
- Questacon Volunteer Explainers
- Radio 1RPH
- Rise Above - Capital Region Cancer Relief
- Roundabout Canberra
- RSPCA ACT
- Senator David Pocock (independant)
- Special Olympics ACT
- St Vincent de Paul Society Canberra/Goulburn
- Tender Funerals
- The Salvation Army
- Volunteers in Policing
- Zonta Club of Canberra Breakfast

EXHIBIT AT 2026 EXPO

VolunteeringACT is calling all organisations seeking to connect with volunteers in the Canberra Region to exhibit at the 2026 Volunteering Expo. Showcase your organisation's programs and find volunteering talent to bring your vision to life!

The Expo welcomes all community organisations, not-for-profits, government agencies and social enterprises from all sectors including but not limited to sport, health, arts and culture, tourism and community services. Any organisation that utilises volunteers and seeks to attract more is invited to participate.

Exhibiting at the Volunteering Expo gives organisations an opportunity to:

- **Recruit new volunteers:** Meet enthusiastic volunteers who are eager to contribute their skills and time to your organisation.
- **Increase awareness:** Showcase your mission, projects, and initiatives to a wide audience, enhancing your organisation's public profile.
- **Engage face to face:** Gain insights from potential volunteers about your programs, helping you refine and improve your engagement strategies.
- **Build partnerships:** Connect with other organisations, community leaders, and potential partners to foster collaborations and share resources.



Event attractions

Join us on Friday, 20 March for unforgettable activities and exciting experiences that will make this Volunteering Expo truly memorable!

- ✓ Meet over 60 local organisations with volunteering opportunities in community services, health, events, culture, sports and many more!
- ✓ Smoking Ceremony
- ✓ Food and coffee vendors
- ✓ Free henna art and face painting
- ✓ Free colouring station for kids

UC Refectory is an accessible venue. If you have any special requirements, please let us know. VolunteeringACT staff will be present at the venue to help with any questions or concerns you may have on the day.



Exhibitor packages

There are two packages in 2026 to choose from.

1 - Standard exhibitor package

The standard exhibitor package includes:

- 1 x exhibitor space
- 1 x table and 2 x chairs
- 2 x venue pre-paid parking permits
- Exhibitor marketing kit
- Organisation listing on the event website
- Promotion via VolunteeringACT newsletter, social media and media partner
- Opportunity to display your banners, flyers and registration forms at the event
- Direct engagement with potential volunteer attendees throughout the event
- Opportunity to network with other volunteer involving organisations in the Canberra Region

Price for VolunteeringACT members

\$185

Price for non-members

\$335

2 - Special package

There is a special package available to attend our 2026 Volunteering Conference in May during National Volunteer Week.

The Conference is a full day of professional development for leaders in the volunteering sector. It builds capability, fosters collaboration, and sparks inspiration within the volunteering ecosystem. Read about the 2025 Volunteering Conference on our [website](#).

The special package benefits include:

- All benefits of the standard Expo exhibitor package
- 2 x attendee tickets for the 2026 Volunteering Conference

This special package is only available to VolunteeringACT members for \$285 (inc. GST)

VolunteeringACT membership is half price until May 2026 - starting at just \$88!

Benefits of VolunteeringACT membership

- Discount on consultations, advice and support around your volunteer programs.
- Access to pro bono legal assistance.
- Discounted prices on our training and events.
- Access to our volunteer recruitment platform.
- Access to the Centre for Volunteering's Continuous Professional Development Program.
- Events newsletters to promote your events.
- Opportunity to advertise your events and services at our Community Info Hub.
- Voting rights at our Annual General Meeting.



Scan the QR code to become a member today

Stall allocations

Exhibitors with similar service focus will generally be placed in the same area. Power plugs and display boards are not guaranteed for all stalls. Contact us if these are essential for your stall, and we will try to accommodate where possible. Floorplans will be available closer to the event. Please note, the floorplan may change without notice.

Exhibitors are permitted entry to the UC Refectory from 11am to setup stalls and are requested to leave the premises by 7pm.

Exhibitors are encouraged to bring:

- Cords and power boards that are tagged and tested within 12 months of the event date
- Brochures, flyers and information sheets about your organisation
- Information about available volunteering positions and how to apply
- Free merchandise/giveaways

Following items will NOT be allowed at the Expo:

- Merchandise intended for sale
- Banners or signs larger than 2m (size of your trestle table)
- Alcohol or cigarettes (smoking is not permitted in the venue)

Parking

2026 Volunteering Expo will be at the University of Canberra (UC) Refectory (11 Kirinari St, Canberra ACT 2617).

The Refectory is in Building 1, Level 8.

Please refer to the links below for best routes to reach the venue and for information about parking.

- Planning travel via public transport - <https://www.transport.act.gov.au/>
- UC Campus map: <https://www.canberra.edu.au/maps>
- UC Campus parking: <https://www.canberra.edu.au/on-campus/parking>

Please note, each exhibitor ticket (standard exhibitor ticket or special package ticket) includes 2 x venue pre-paid parking permits for the 2026 Volunteering Expo.

- These permits are only valid for the 2026 Volunteering Expo. Parking for the 2026 Volunteering Conference (for organisations paying for special package) needs to be paid by the attendees.
- Permits are single use permits only. You cannot re-enter or exit once the pass is submitted in the exit gate machine.
- Exhibitors can purchase more parking permits during the registration process if required. VolunteeringACT cannot provide tickets on the day; pre-purchased tickets need to be arranged in advance if organisations wish to pay for parking. The UC parking machines do not provide parking receipts.



Feedback from previous expos



Exhibitor



"The event staff were supportive and made setup easy. We had great interactions with attendees throughout the expo."



Attendee



"We appreciated the variety of exhibitors and engaging conversations. I got a volunteer role!"



Exhibitor



"The expo provided valuable exposure for our products and services. Overall, we were pleased with the event and turnout."

PARTNERSHIP WITH UPSTAGEING CANBERRA

This year, we are partnering with UPST**AGEING** Canberra to promote age-inclusive volunteering across sectors.

UPST**AGEING** Canberra is Australia's first large-scale Creative Ageing Arts Festival, celebrating the bold, brilliant, and diverse creative expression of older Canberrans. This festival will launch in March 2026, and will feature performances, exhibitions, arts workshops, and plenty of opportunities to get involved in arts activities – all created by, for, and with older people.

UPST**AGEING** Canberra will be at the 2026 Volunteering Expo to promote volunteering, and its benefits for individuals and the community.

Scan the QR code to know more about the UPSTAGEING Canberra festival.



SAFETY AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Please be aware of the following risk considerations:

- The event will proceed regardless of weather conditions.
- Smoking and/or alcohol consumption is strictly prohibited on the University of Canberra campus.
- Inappropriate behavior of any kind will not be tolerated, and all attendees and exhibitors are expected to uphold a respectful and inclusive environment throughout the event.
- Personal belongings should be kept secure; VolunteeringACT and the University of Canberra are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- All attendees and exhibitors must follow venue safety protocols and emergency procedures at all times.
- Emergency exits and first aid stations will be clearly marked and accessible throughout the event.
- Exhibitors are required to ensure their displays and equipment are safely set up and do not obstruct walkways or exits.
- Insurance coverage for personal property and exhibits is the responsibility of each exhibitor.
- If a child is found unattended, please inform event staff immediately.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By exhibiting at the 2026 Volunteering Expo, all exhibitors agree to the following terms and conditions:

- VolunteeringACT reserves the right to choose who exhibits at the 2026 Volunteering Expo.
- VolunteeringACT reserves the right to alter the floorplan without notice.
- The exhibitor must pay their stall fee in full before Thursday, 12 March 2026 in order to secure their spot at the Expo.
- The exhibitor will provide VolunteeringACT with a copy of their certificate of currency for their public liability insurance upon registering as an exhibitor.
- The exhibitor agrees to continually staff the exhibition space throughout the time the exhibition is open to the public (Friday 20 March 2026, 1pm to 6pm).
- The exhibitor will communicate any cancellation with at least 14 days' notice from the date of the Expo in order to receive a full refund. No refund will be issued if the exhibitor cancels less than seven (7) days before the date of the Expo.
- The exhibitor acknowledges this is a free community event, and as such agrees not to sell merchandise or fundraise at their stall.
- The Expo is a public event that will be photographed and recorded. By registering, exhibitors consent to the use of their images and experiences for event promotions and advocacy projects, unless they explicitly opt out on the registration form.



ABOUT US

VolunteeringACT is the peak body for volunteers and volunteering in the Canberra Region.

We deliver inclusive services and information that connects people with their community and enables participation. We lead the design and delivery of high quality, safe, ethical and sustainable volunteering.

VolunteeringACT has a vision of an inclusive Canberra that values volunteering and connection as central to wellbeing and a thriving community.

We work to represent, support, and celebrate volunteers, volunteer involving organisations, and the wider volunteer community in the Canberra Region. We seek new ways of supporting the volunteering sector to grow, improve, and collaborate, helping to ensure that all Canberrans have access to meaningful, safe, and inclusive volunteering opportunities.



Contact us

Please contact us with any questions, or any special requirements you may have:

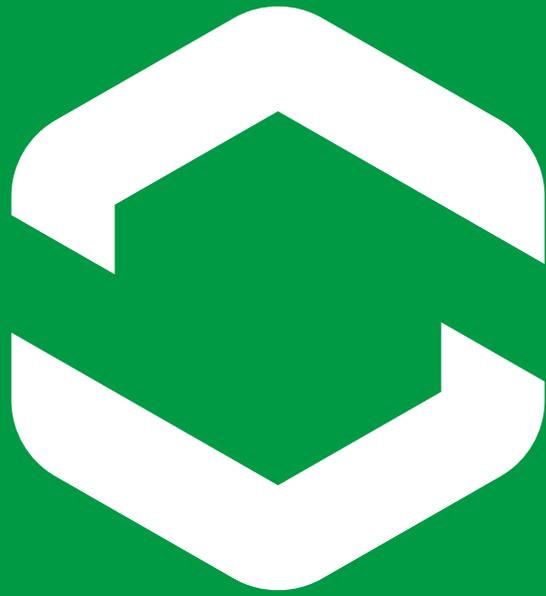
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