

Activity 1: Participation in the community – Narrative stories

At Hydro Tasmania we encourage our employees to get involved with their community.



Name:	
Class:	
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Kate Hickey, Community Coordinator



I run Hydro Tasmania's employee volunteering program.



Community organisations call me when they need volunteers. I help by finding employees who can assist.

Our employees help at fund raising events (where you collect money donations), collection drives (where you collect goods such as food or magazines) and even wrapping Christmas presents.

My job is great because I help support the community. I meet wonderful and inspiring people. I enjoy helping them support the community.

Hydro Tasmania also has a sponsorship program and a community grants program.





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Varun Dewan, employee volunteer



In 2012, I migrated from India to live in Australia. Tasmania is my home since 2013, which is when I started volunteering.



Volunteering helped me to meet new people. I also learnt a lot of new things about my workplace and community.

Helping other people makes me happy. It feels great to see them smile. I have volunteered at lots of different events.

One of the best events was wrapping Christmas presents for the Christmas Toy Appeal. Everyone was very excited.





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Joanne Halliwell, employee volunteer

My name is Joanne.

I have been volunteering since 1990.

My first event was Clean-up Australia Day. It was the first time this event was held in Australia.

In 2010 it was the 20 year anniversary of Clean-up Australia Day.

I enjoy volunteering, as an individual and in a team, and especially like meeting new people.

It is very rewarding to help others and volunteering is a great way to help and support the community. It makes me happy to be involved.

I have lots of favourite memories.

Volunteering is not always about raising money. You can do a lot with a little.







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Questions

1. Can you list four reasons why people volunteer?

1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

2. Were there any similarities between the three stories?





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Interview

1. Develop four inquiry questions for your interview (who, what, when, where, why)

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2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	





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Interview

1. Name of the person you are interviewing:

2. Complete your responses below (or on a blank piece of paper)





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Survey

Question	Results
Have you volunteered	Yes:
before?	No:
How many times have you volunteered with a community organisation?	
Which organisation?	

