**How to Recruit**

There are many ways you can recruit volunteers and from many places.

Use language in the recruitment ‘ads’ that is tailored to, and will engage with, potential volunteers in each of the streams. Talk about the benefits of volunteering.

Some benefits you can mention when advertising your volunteer positions:

* make new friendships and create professional networks
* gain work experience and learn new skills
* enjoy new social and cultural experiences
* develop personally and build confidence
* enjoy better physical and mental health as studies show volunteering makes us healthier and happier
* act on your values, passions and interests
* challenge yourself in a supportive environment
* feel warm and fuzzy about helping your community
* have fun!

Volunteers are happier, healthier and sleep better than those who don’t volunteer. Just a few hours of volunteer work can make a difference to your happiness and mood!

**Where to Recruit**

**Internally**

* Include call outs in your newsletters.
* Put notices up on your bulletin boards.
* Hold an open day or information night for prospective members or volunteers to attend.
* Contact people who have volunteered previously, their situations and availability may have changed.

**Social Media**

* Put call outs on your social media pages.
* Put call outs on community Facebook pages/groups (eg. HandsUp Latrobe Valley Volunteers)

**Online**

* Post vacancies on Gippsland Volunteering Portal (<https://www.gippslandvolunteering.com.au/>)
* Post vacancies on Go Volunteer (<http://www.govolunteer.com.au>)
* Post vacancies on Seek Volunteer (<https://www.volunteer.com.au>)

**Emails**

* Direct emails to email groups
* Email Signature messages

**Local Media**

* Contact your local newspaper or radio. They are often keen to run community stories about volunteers and recruitment drives.

**Word of Mouth**

* Ask your existing volunteers to share volunteer opportunities with their friends and families, particularly on social media.
* Include notices in event programs advertising to spectators about volunteer opportunities.

**Education**

* Contact local schools who may have students keen to get experience and are required to as part of their course. eg. Event Management students for events.

**Volunteer Opportunity Board in Latrobe Libraries**

* Churchill
* Moe
* Morwell
* Traralgon

*Contact volunteers@handsuplatrobe.com.au for more information on the Volunteer Opportunity Board.*