

# Volunteering Added To My Resume



Catherine Webb started volunteering in Grade 6 at Orbost Neighbourhood House, helping run kid's activities during school holidays. They also volunteered with Rotary, teaching older people tech skills. Catherine loved volunteering so much that they didn't stop after moving to Churchill for uni.

Whilst Catherine was studying at university, they helped mentor other students. Catherine then moved on to volunteer with the Youth Council in 2015 and 2016 and also got involved in the co-design of Latrobe Youth Space. They now volunteer with the Latrobe Youth Space youth governance committee, making programming decisions and designing youth programs that the community needs.

Catherine also volunteered for a while doing social media with Alt\_Art , an artist run initiative aiming to give emerging artists in the area a bit more experience, knowledge and connection. They are also the secretary with the Big Picture Space Inc, a non-for-profit organisation with a vision to reconnect and redefine the power of the arts as a profession.

In August 2018, Catherine was out of a job. Latrobe Streetgames was scouting for talent in social marketing and it was suggested that Catherine go for an interview. The team was impressed with Catherine's leadership and experiences and offered them a job in social marketing. "All the volunteering experiences added to my resume and really help me get this job", said Catherine.

Employment didn't stop Catherine from volunteering. They continue mentoring a young person in Ladder and are also part of leadership for a local Trades Council group, Gippy Gang, dedicated to getting workplace knowledge and workplace rights out into the community and getting people connected. Recently, Catherine has also started mentoring a young person to start up a radio show with Gippsland FM.

"I just love having all the different connections and experiences. There are just so many people that I met through volunteering who are really good friends. There are so many things that you don't realise you can learn and so many ways you don't realise that you can grow until you get out there and give it a shot."

To people that are thinking about volunteering, Catherine say, "Go for it. Not all volunteering experiences will be amazing. Do a bit of research and know what you are getting into and scope out the people and the culture. Once you've found a really good place, dive into it and give it your best shot. You will definitely get a lot more back."

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