

Community Connections – Volunteering Information Hub Establishment Grants

The Centre for Volunteering is providing grants to community organisations to establish a Volunteering Information Hub in their region. The Hub will host events and provide information to support the social and economic participation of vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the community, and will aim to strengthen volunteering through capability and capacity building.

Grants of between \$10,000 and \$20,000 (GST excl) have been awarded to the community organisations with experience and connections in their local volunteering community. The Volunteering Information Hub is funded to increase opportunities for participation in volunteering by providing information and support to individual volunteers, volunteer managers, and VIOs.

The following organisations have received grants to develop a Volunteering Information Hub in 2026 in their Local Government Areas:

Afghan Women Support Association, Cumberland LGA	AWSA will establish a Volunteering Information Hub for CALD women, offering leadership training, wellbeing workshops, and information sessions to strengthen community connection and volunteer participation.
Armidale Regional Council, Armidale LGA	The Armidale Volunteer Referral Service will connect new volunteers with VIOs through morning teas, online resources, community events and award ceremonies, fostering inclusion and empowerment.
Canowindra Creative Centre Inc., Cabonne LGA	The Hub will provide access to information regarding volunteering opportunities, information for VIOs, information on providers of opportunities in the region and an Expo is planned for June 2026.
Community College Northern Inland, Moree Plains LGA	CCNI will establish a Moree Volunteering Hub at their campus to connect, train and celebrate volunteers through an Expo, information hub

	and volunteer workshops.
Gresford Community Group, Dungog LGA	Gresford Community Group will establish a youth-focused volunteer hub and travelling roadshow, connecting Dungog Shire communities through school programs, expos, and events promoting local volunteering, training, and community engagement.
Volunteer in Dubbo Region, Dubbo LGA	Volunteer in Dubbo Region will provide information and host two volunteer expos in the Dubbo LGA connecting schools, corporate businesses, and the wider community to volunteer based organisations.
Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance, Eurobodalla LGA	SHASA will strengthen volunteering across the Eurobodalla Shire through VIO-partnered community expos in three major towns, coordinator support, targeted workshops, and volunteer-organisation (VIO) capacity building.
Volunteer Connect Lithgow Region Inc., Lithgow LGA	The Hub will connect volunteers with local groups and events, fostering inclusion, empowerment, and community connections through coordinated engagement, training, mentoring, support, and VIO capacity building.
Kids Giving Back, VIRTUAL	Kids Giving Back will empower teachers and inspire youth through the Youth Changemakers Engagement Toolkit, showing that it is easy to volunteer, build wellbeing, skills, and community connection via the YCM App.