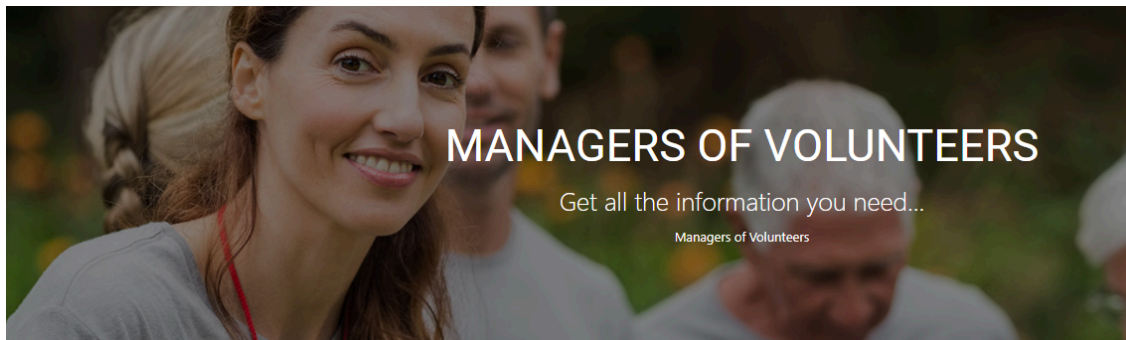




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As we come to the end of another busy year, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks for everything you do to support volunteering across our region. Your commitment, adaptability, and generosity make an enormous difference — not only to your volunteers, but to the communities you serve.

Volunteer Nelson will be closed for the holidays from the 19th of December, 2025, and reopen on the 12th of January, 2026.

We wish you a restful and restorative break over the holiday season, and we look forward to working alongside you again in the New Year.

The Team at Volunteer Nelson

Our final newsletter for 2025 features important updates and training opportunities for volunteer managers. This edition includes:

- Updates from Volunteering New Zealand - including Mentorship Programmes, Global Call to Action, Best Practice Webinar reminder
- International Volunteer Year 2026

Dates for your diary

- 15th December - Best Practice Guidelines: Welcome and Onboard webinar
- 2026 UN International Year of Volunteers (IVY)



Apply to be mentored in 2026



Would you like more support for your volunteer manager role? Apply now to join our 2026 national online mentoring programme.

100% of 2025 mentees saw growth or improvement during the programme for Volunteering New Zealand members.

The programme will run from April to September 2026. Mentees meet online with their mentor once a month, for one hour, for six months. Apply now by completing the online form; you will meet with the Programme Coordinator who will facilitate matching you with a mentor.

We are also taking mentor applications.

Find out more and apply

Support the Global Call to Action for the future of volunteering



Volunteering New Zealand supports the global [Call to Action](#) for the future of volunteering, launched on International Volunteer Day, 5 December.

Volunteers and volunteer managers in New Zealand were among those who responded to the global consultation which led to the Call To Action.

This Call to Action outlines three action areas:

Recognition, Support and Safeguarding. Each has an underlying principle and key actions addressed to specific stakeholders.

1 Call to Action: Recognition

Volunteers should be systematically recognised, valued, and celebrated, shifting from symbolic appreciation to systemic recognition through policies, funding, and integration of volunteering into relevant strategies.

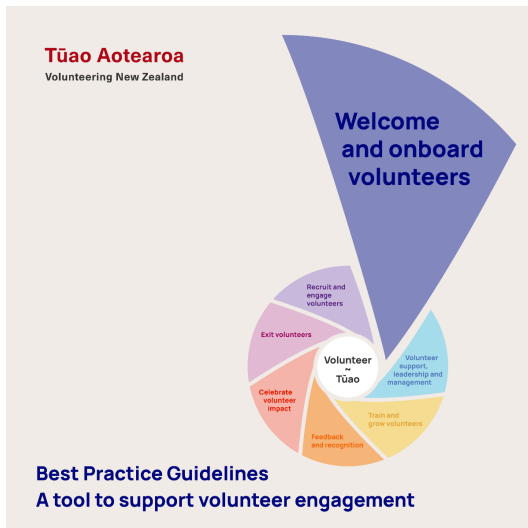
2 Call to Action: Support

Volunteering is not always cost free, nor does it always happen automatically. It requires an enabling environment to support participation and maximize its impact, while adapting to evolving social and ecological conditions.

3 Call to Action: Safeguarding

Together, we can build a future where volunteering is recognized, supported, and protected everywhere, for everyone.

REMINDER: Best Practice Guidelines: Welcome and Onboard



Webinar

Monday, 15 December, 2-3pm

The Volunteer Best Practice [Guidelines](#) provide a framework to consider and review your own volunteer management practice.

In this interactive session, you'll hear more about the Best Practice Guidelines Practice Area 2 - Welcome and Onboard Volunteers.

[Book now](#)

Nominate for the Kings Birthday 2026 honours list

Nominations are currently open for consideration for inclusion in the **Kings Birthday 2026 honours list**, and should ideally be **submitted to the Honours Unit no later than 23 December**. Any completed nomination submitted to the Honours Unit after that date will be considered for the New Years Honours 2026.

If you would like to make a nomination from the Community and Voluntary sector, we are happy to help with your application.

[Make a nomination](#)

**Are you a community group in
Nelson Tasman looking for volunteers?**



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Join us now!

www.volunteernelson.org.nz

Many people are looking for new volunteer opportunities in January!

Start thinking about your opportunities for 2026!

Get ready to recruit volunteers! Many people want to volunteer.

TIP: No specific opportunities? List a general call-out for volunteers!

Connect now

Find or share training for the sector

Volunteering New Zealand maintains a curated list of [training and development](#) events

– many are free and often online.

Find training and events

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