

# Young people and volunteering

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# Welcome to the Session

- Introduction – Narelle Lehane, Office for Volunteers
- The Office for Volunteers are dedicated to working in partnership with the Volunteer Sector, the Universities, YACSA and Volunteering SA to build and recognise young people's contribution to volunteering.

# Young people and volunteering

- In June 2000 the Australian Bureau of Statistics reported that 27% of the population aged between 18 to 24 participated in some form of volunteering
- New figures will be coming out in 2007 from the Census and the ABS General Social Survey and the Office for Volunteers South Australian Volunteer Survey in 2006 to give us more up-to-date figures

# Young people and volunteering

- For all young volunteers, sport and recreation organisations were the most popular for volunteering with 40%
- The community and welfare sector was second with 21.3%

# Formal Volunteering

- Youth development activities

# Non-Governmental Volunteering

- Environment
- Arts/culture
- Sport/ recreation
- Social Change
- Animal welfare
- Health
- Education
- Community services
- Advocacy/  
campaigning
- Religion
- Governance
- Emergency services
- Human rights
- Service Clubs
- Cultural  
Organisations

# Socio-Demographic factors

- Who are the young volunteers?

## More likely to be:

**Students rather than employed**

**Religiously active**

## Less likely to be:

**Disadvantaged as children**

**From minority groups**

# Experiences and perceptions of volunteering

- Motivation
- Young people's perceptions of Volunteering
- FLEXIVOL
- The way in
- Benefits

# Barriers

- Attitudes
- Cost (to organisation and to the volunteer)
- Time
- Lack of opportunities
- Child care
- Perceptions of young people by staff

# Better practice

- Image
- Clarity of purpose
- Access
- Recruitment
- Induction
- Skill development
- Recognition and support
- Safety

# OFFICE FOR YOUTH – YOUTH ACTION PLAN

- The Office for Youth- Youth Participation ( Youth Consultation) grants
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# Support and Assistance

More support and assistance is available from:

- The Youth Affairs Council of SA (YACSA)
- The Office for Youth
- The Office for Volunteers
- Volunteering SA