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# A Magazine by The Green Volunteers



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# Editorial

Welcome to inaugural issue of our online magazine "*The Green Volunteers*".

Finally after a long spell we have managed to make this possible to publish our first ever magazine. This is a small attempt and we intend to do continue. It was a dream of our many green volunteers. They worked hard to make this dream true. Over past six months, many people have asked me why I came to publish *The Green Volunteers* and what motivated me to get involve in volunteerism. The answer is, I'm always on the journey of finding event or people that inspire me in volunteerism. During my childhood, I was inspired by my father, after then I inspired from different events and listening different stories of volunteerism from different people. I am very thankful for meeting amazing people, United Nation, Commonwealth, Asian Youth Forum, and World Youth Assembly for giving me the opportunity to gain knowledge on volunteerism and work for people. I am so grateful to them to make me a global citizen.

We gratefully acknowledge the efforts of all those volunteers who supported and encouraged us by making contribution to the magazine to make it as useful and interesting as possible.

In Launching "*The Green Volunteers*", I want to bring stories, articles, messages, interviews to inspire youth in volunteerism and to achieve Millennium Development Goals to build this world peace & green. I hope that future issue of the magazine will be more useful and interesting.

I would like to invite you to join us, visit our magazine regularly, tell a friend, get involved, send us feedback, submit articles, share your knowledge, or share with us who are making a difference in your local communities and around the world.

Thanking you

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# About The Green Volunteers

The Green Volunteers is initiated on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2011 by the Students, teachers, graduates and youth aims to work for the local and global society without having difference its race, region, sex and political ethics. The initiators are experienced with different international youth and volunteer organizations, i.e. Commonwealth Youth Forum, Asian Youth Councils, World Youth Council, Asian Network of Youth Volunteers, United Nation Volunteer, International Volunteers Organization, etc. To bear in mind of supporting Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) The Green Volunteers (GV) Initiators started its journey with school programs. The main slogan is "Change yourself, change the world" and the main objectives of GV are;

- To establish network and partnership among members of the network
- To provide a better world through voluntarism
- To get involved in achieving the MDGs

To change the mindset of all members of GV, it is organizing team building activities and learning English with Fun in regular basis. The GV is also organizing school program in regular interval. In school program, the school kids are playing knowledge based game, learning how to keep environment clean, learning the use of ICTs and its benefit, and learning leadership capabilities to serve the society. The Green Volunteers has successfully organized the following programs;

•**Educating Rural Youth for environment, green technologies, and climate change:** The GV is deeply support all green initiative and technologies. The GV observe one day every month to save energy initiatives; such as "Save energy save the world" – all members are creating awareness to switch off lights, fans, and other necessary equipments/accessories **when not in use**. The GV had organized three event of cleaning environment two in Chittagong (one in Mirersorai and another in Sitakund) and in Gazipur district.

The GV is organizing cleaning environment along with local communities in regular basis. The GV members are encouraging and teaching others to change their mind to keep the world green by organizing the followings;

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- Teach them how to prepare dustbin by using papers and utilize them properly.
- Creating awareness and assisting local shop owners to clean their surrounding of shops to attract more customers as well as trying to become habit of using dustbin among the shop keepers and customers to Keep the environment Clean.
- Organize a roaming street gathering to creating awareness of the effect of climate change in Bangladesh and how to response in devastated natural disasters.

**School program:** School children are playing knowledge based game, learning how to keep environment clean, learning the use of ICTs and its benefit, and learning leadership capabilities to serve the society. We normally organized at a rural school or semi urban areas. Total six schools covers and more than 4000 students participated at the school program in Chittagong district, Gazipur district, Sherpur district, and Pabna district. We are going to organize school program in other district as well.

**Response on natural disaster:** The green volunteers are actively participated in the development work and helping pro-poor and poor. The GV members are always ready to serve the society in any emergency response and natural disaster. The organization had distributed 18 big bags Warm Clothes to the poor people of Thakurgaon district in Bangladesh, and also distribute 9 Tons rice, 4 tons potato and others daily needs for the poor people of flood victims in Bangladesh.

**Network Building activities:** The GV organizing team building activities, learning English with fun, and leadership campaign every months for members and non members of The Green Volunteers to build network and continue the network among members and interested members.

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**Observes International days:** The GV is very keen to observe different national and international day: We observes International Youth Day, International Volunteer Day with promote MDGs.

**Awareness campaign to achieve Millennium Development Goals:** The green volunteers feels the necessity of achieving MDGs and organizing different awareness campaign to create awareness of 8 goals of MDGs. Recently the GV organized awareness campaign at different colleges in Bangladesh.

**Maintain Global Partnership:** The GV members strongly believe to have global network to get a peace and green earth. The GV is eager to build global network to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger. The GV has established network with Youth for Peace and Democracy, Bangladesh, Asian Network of Youth Volunteers, Philippine, Heartbeat, Nepal. The GV always welcome all other international organization to build network for the social development.

## Event stories

Event: **Team Building Program**

Date: October 10, 2011

Venue: Central Playground, Bangabandhu Agricultural University

Outcomes:

- Creates harmony among the team members
- Creates leadership capability among the members
- Discovers new ideas of team building
- Discovers new ideas of upcoming events



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## Event stories

Event: **School Program (Joina Bazar, Gozaria, Sherpur)**

Date: November 26, 2011

Venue: Gazipur, Chittahong, Sherpur, Pabna, Bangladesh

Outcomes:

- Creates awareness children about environmental cleanliness
- Creates leadership capacity among the children
- Creates awareness about knowledge of justice and honesty
- Increases Intellectuality and knowledge of Green initiatives



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## Event stories

Event: **Warm Cloths Collection and Distribution**

Date: January 3, 2012

Venue: Roumari, Kurigram, Bangladesh

Outcomes:

- Collected huge amount of warm clothes from the university students for the helpless poor people in rural areas.
- Rural poor people save money by getting the clothes.



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## Event stories

Event: **Distribution of rice, potato, & dal (Pulses) and Medical Support to flood victims along with YPD and SHEBA**

Date: July 11-13, 2012

Venue: Roumari and Rajibpur of Kurigram district, Bangladesh

Outcomes:

- Helps 2500 families get foods and health care
- Make smile and happiness to flood prone rural communities by providing medicine and food



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## The Green Volunteers

I am so delighted to be part of The Green Volunteers since it is trying to develop the community through volunteerism. The Green volunteers already committed to serve the community by gathering volunteers and some initiative projects. Volunteering experiences with Green volunteers taught me to appreciate a generation that might be removed from my own in years, but has much to give back in experience and knowledge, and learn more about the different culture in my own country and found out that there were a lot of people who need help. It really needs such Non profitable organization like Green volunteers to change the community and ensure a harmony life. As part of Green volunteers I gathered few young peoples in my community where we started few projects and make an impact in our community like

ensuring safe drinking water plant and safe sanitary toilets. The Green Volunteers wants to do something different, something directly contributing to the society. The Green Volunteers (Mirsarai, Chittagong) have established more than 10 safe sanitary latrines in our community which was main issue to ensure a healthy life among community peoples. We have started a weekly cleanliness program in our community market and raise our voice to keep clean and stay safe. We are working mainly in environmental issues which causes water and air pollution. As we have done tree plantation in open spaces, around the school and others institutions. We also donate seedlings to our community peoples. We have removed maximum unsafe sanitation projects and establish safe plant by help of our local government.

We have changed our community through volunteerism by ensuring safe drinking water and sanitary toilet.

It is really possible to achieve Goal 7 by volunteerism. Volunteering

is an important way through which people connect with one

another. It is also an

important method of providing services and meeting the critical needs of communities that are not met by other means. The Green volunteers get around my neighborhood.

The Green volunteers have created a large number of volunteers through team building games and exercises. It helped those focused on practicing clear communication and developing keys to trust during challenging



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and confusing times or learning to accomplish the goal with a tight timeline. Thus, learning to work together and act as a team may be enjoyable. Team activities

help the team in self-assessment which is very important for improving the ways



of further collaboration within the group. Green Volunteers keep organizing those types of team games and exercises almost every month and it really works. Many young people joined in the group while they enjoying those games and exercises. It also encouraged by family and parents while they seen Green Volunteers doing some great stuffs. At least they keep young people busy with volunteering works instead of taking drugs, terrorism and many social crimes. Green volunteers not only

focus volunteerism in general. It also involved with social business campaign. Awareness campaign for Bio-Gas plant is the best example. It already organized few campaigns all over the country. Green

volunteers (Mirsarai, Chittagong) had organized networking



seminar among poultry and dairy farmers to encourage in green technology. It really made an important impact in our community. Few farmers have started bio-gas plant after the networking meeting.

The Green Volunteers focus in the rural or remote areas where education still lacking behind. And promoting good health/reproductive health, knowledge among rural communities, promoting good

social life of the rural people and helping promoting dialogue among people to enhance good democratic governance. It turn out that education is very low and their lacking of living socially as a result of inadequate teachers in the rural areas. This culminated to poor performance in this area. Green Volunteers are committed to come up with difference ideas in education system specially in rural primary schools. Traditional system only focus in text book and keep them in a box. It has organized lot of school programs and achieved the popularity. We do take a one day class in a school without text book. But it provides best education through game show and technique. Kids love to play around while they also learn. We organize a draw competition among groups. They are given task to draw each other's face on a piece of paper while they have fun.

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After reviewing all drawings they select the best. After that we framed it and hang it on their wall.



They started cleaning their classroom while we put our words about cleanliness. We did not ask them to do so, we were just trying to aware them about cleanliness of environment. But they realized what we were talking about. Then we took them for treasure hunting and divided into 4 groups. Through the treasure hunt process ,they able to know the useful fruit name, plant, tree etc. finally a champion team selected and awarded them a box of chocolates and they are asked to share their gift with all members in their school which build a good relationship and understanding and sharing attitude.

Day by day, through word of mouth our organization getting bigger and lot of young



people being connected with us. So we didn't keep the volunteering only in our community. we crossed the boundary and spread out to others community by physically, mentally and volunteerism. There are lot of positive peoples coming and trying to make an impact in their community, appreciating the volunteerism which really essential for our country. I think the community is leadership and organizers. There seems to be many willing to volunteer, but few who are willing to take a leadership role. Green Volunteers is a biggest volunteering need in this broad based NPO that touches on all aspects

that will bring development to the individual and the country at large. The Green Volunteers also seeks to address other social issues in this community by providing good information to help people make informed decision on matters pertaining to development. Volunteers can serve not only on education but other sectors such as The flood victims, the social welfare, hospitals, emergency response for the society alone or other organizations and agro-base industries such as exhibitions, tourism sites visit, etc. The Green Volunteers is happy to receive volunteers from all over the world who believe in the spirit of volunteerism.



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### Environmental Volunteers



- Kelly Barbara Schnare

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Volunteers are those who do things without pay, but are we really moved *because* of this? Where is the heart of the volunteer especially the green volunteer really based, and what continues to move us throughout the work that needs to be done, has to be done, and is done by all of us, formally and every day.

People are motivated for all kinds of different reasons and for multiple

reasons throughout different stages in their education, or career, or time of life. Understanding these motivations is paramount to being satisfied in the process of volunteering. Basically as only some 1% our population actually consider themselves as environmental or green volunteers, it is vital that we ourselves can say *why* we are interested in what exactly we are doing. If it is difficult to really reflect on actions you are currently pursuing them in the name of the greater good, the future of mother earth, or for your own community's well-being, it might be refreshing to acknowledge that people in Canada and Taiwan respectively, who have been surveyed in an expert reviewed study, have proven that we the active participants for the environment "Volunteer because.." we are all interested in greater *learning and understanding*.

As "the pre-condition for any meaningful participation, should be to allow those who are affected to have access to the information" (Ma Jun, 2009), we are fundamentally concerned sometimes because we may have experienced firsthand some disaster or pristine nature that we take very personally, and in return would like to fight for, however this concern is a pre-requisite for participation, but also may hold a lasting impact for continuing to *fight the fight*.

Issues that are important to the participant give them a chance to reflect and commit by returning to a student-like position, service learning and citizenship education is vital to the community at large because "the ability to use and develop new skills [provides] an opportunity to increase knowledge of the

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world and practice skills that might otherwise go unpracticed...a chance for self-development, learning a variety of life" (Clary, 1999). This category of learning and understanding captures the idea that people volunteer because they have certain interest in bringing greater awareness to the field of environmental protection and grassroots action. Volunteer activities differ in the learning opportunities they provide, this really should encourage environmental managers to demonstrate understanding, to show participants what is really happening from a technical point of view, and how we can help form results that happen. Fundamentally, "understanding is a knowledge function, volunteer work may provide new insights into the people they have contact with, thereby satisfying an intellectual curiosity about the world in

general and the social world in particular an expression and practice and learning of skills or knowledge" (Bruyere & Rappe, 2007). By initiating participation, the volunteer has an opportunity to learn more about how the environment works with practical real-life experiences.

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### Street Children, Who's Responsibility?



- Roshani Silwal

Children are an integral part of the society and somewhere we are responsible for the life they lead. As to talk about street children, the very first things to note are that they are children too. So, whatever rights other children are living under, they too have an equal right to share. The children's rights basically have four pillars- Right to Survival, Right to Protection, Right to Participation, and Right to Development. Even in our constitution, the issue of street children has given due space and concentration; citing

articles like all children have the right to get a name, birth registration, education, nutrition, access to health facilities, those in risk have the right to get special facilities from the state, etc. It has also been mentioned in the Act that abandoned children should be sheltered in children homes established by the state. So analyzing from the legal perspective, all children are promised of all the rights they would require to grow into a wise adult, but these rights are limited in legal documents only.

Of course, different organizations have been working successfully towards protecting at least some of their rights, but until and unless the state become responsible towards removing children from the streets and placing them in better condition, the issue of street children will not be solved. Despite, a number of

organization both national and international levels- working for their welfare!!!! Forget about the standard of living, hundreds of thousands of children across Nepal are forced to live on Street and are subjected to exploitation, abuse and violence. They are trafficked into ceaseless violence and recruited into many other forms of slavery. Therefore, the questions arise- aren't these children entitled to the "Children's Rights" promised by the state? Whose responsibility is it? What is our role to ensure that the children living on streets have a "normal" childhood?

The children with drowsy eyes, sniffing dendrite and glue in half consciousness, picking rags in different places, waiting for opportunities to pick pockets, pleading for money!! In any case, you felt "sympathy" for their poor condition or "disgust" for their

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dirtiness, they continue being around you-saying “bhok lagyo!!Paisa dinuna!!” You think “what the hell” that is the impression of street children on the people. Since, the street children have a complex psyche; it’s really very challenging to work with them.

Am Roshani Silwal doing my bachelor’s in Social Work stream. Since i have keen interest to work in street issues Therefore, my journey on this issue started from a cold morning entitle “Tea For Free” program specially dedicated to street kids and youths of Mahankal, Durbar Marg, Thamel, Sundhara organized by Heart Beat. Heart Beat is an NGO which is currently working in Street kids and youth along with prisons issues through art as Art Therapy. For the first time with help of my friend, I got an opportunity to observe the street life style practically. It’s like totally a different new experience as compared to other issues I

have worked. When I first saw their way of dressing up themselves, their way of interacting with each other, seeing their life style really made me scared and crazy. I was silently observing them. Being my first time observing practically, I was not able to meet my expectation as I have thought.

To work on street children was my interest so again, for the second time I tried to interact with the children, tried to build a rapport with them and earn their trust so that they open up and tell me their stories so that I can find out the main purpose of choosing street life. As I continued “Tea for Free” as well as get involved in other programs organized for them(e.g. Vijaya Dhashami Tika, Bhai Tika, Blankets and Jackets Distribution, Entertainment activities) I was able to gain their trust and be a good sister of theirs.

From the eight month experience, I tell you

, these children on streets, who are often labeled as “uncivilized” and “dirty” by ‘civilized people’ are smarter than an average child. I realized that they are much more exposed to the outside world than those who grow up at home. Conventional approaches do not work with them so I am studying the areas how can we intervene in before practically working on it. One of the most memorable times with street youth and kids was celebrating “Bhai Tika” which made me more determined to work on this issues. This celebration created an emotional attachment between me and those children and youths rather than just a volunteer to learn about their issues. It was really fun putting Tika with them. Guess what I was able to notice the charm, happiness and a sense of belongings though it seems nothing but was able to

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bring smile on their faces which just made me peace in our heart. There are many incidents that need to be expressed but here i would like to share a serious case. Rajan Thapa who is 16 years old and has spend his 12 years in street. Heart Beat has transformed his life through art and informal education. He was also send back to his family. But unfortunately he was forced to make street his home once again. He was just not accepted by his family and friends as well society people. He has been changed but society people have narrow concepts and started to teach him and he has the similar life as before. As we went for regular program "Tea for free" in Tuesday Rajan was seriously injured. We got to know from their friends that he was beaten by the owner of Party Palace. They had went to work in the wedding ceremony. After finished working he went

to ask for money to the owner of party palace. In return the owner called gangs of boys and ordered to beat him. He was beaten very seriously and we took him to the hospital. His eye was in serious condition so we provided him to all the medical supports. So actually, Aren't street children part of society? Is this the way how a children should be behave? What does people think that street children have nobody and can do whatever they like? Actually we tried to case the party palace owner but police didn't response thinking that street children have nobody to look after we were just unable to do anything for him and protect his child right. Anyways today I fell, privileged to advocate theirs issue as being associated with Heart Beat. It gives me pleasure to hear the word "Didi" from them; I get inspired to work in their issue. I join with

them when I have some free time I go meet them, talk to them. Those this issue seems very challenging but working together we can create a change for them. we must work hand in hand to make a different impression about those children's and youth whose innocent eyes are seeking the reasonable answer to their thousand questions from this society.

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## Tree Plantation



- Fatima Cabigas

The tree planting site is about 38 kilometers away from the city proper and it takes approximately 1 ½ hour to get to the site. While riding a bus, Mr. Arnel De Leon, representative of DENR-CENRO, briefly oriented the group about the effects of rapid deforestation, its serious threat to the people and how important the tree planting in the country and in the world as whole. According to him, one of the major problems that we are experiencing right now due to massive forest destruction is

global warming which causes floods and drought to our natural habitat. Under his guidance and supervision, MCISA members together with Dr. Aland Mizell, traversed the grassy forest and crossed Davao River via a long footbridge to reach into the exact planet.



By the joint exertions and cooperation of everybody, hundreds of Narra and Rubber tree seedlings donated by DENR-CENRO were planted on the planting site. Narra, the Philippines national tree, known for its many desirable properties, is highly

esteemed for its timber, and mainly used for in the manufacture of high-quality furnitures because of its durability. It can grow to a height of 33 meters and a diameter of 2 meters. Meanwhile, rubber trees are the primary source of natural rubber because of its sap-like extract that can be collected and yields latex. Each member was so motivated and carried out their full effort to plant the seedlings, hoping that it will live and grow in full bloom. It takes about 2 hours to finish the activity, albeit the group was tired, they are fulfilled and happy within because of the fruitful adventure they undergone and able to reach out help to the community. The MCISA had a challenging and exhausting yet fun and memorable experience doing the activity because aside from helping the environment it was also an opportune for them to widened

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each others bond and friendship. The area was very nature-friendly that everybody cannot resist taking pictures and take their best pose while the true nature is the background.

Indeed, the MCISA set another milestone of success by making the project possible. A success for helping the environment and in the same time a success for raising the awareness of everybody that now is the time for us to take part and join hands in saving our natural resources and giving back the life to Mother Earth , not at the time when we already lost our chance to do so.

Minority Care International Students Association (MCISA) is a recognized civic organization of The University of Mindanao (UM), under Minority Care International (MCI), a non-profit corporation which exclusively assist minorities through

Education and Micro loan programs. MCISA aims to instill among its young members the spirit of civic-mindedness, environmental concern, love to the country imbued with an abiding faith in God.

## Ensuring Environmental Sustainability The new environmental friendly fuel (Biodiesel)

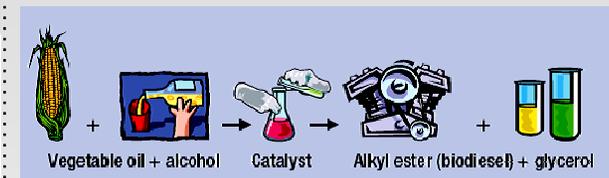


- Nida Jafri

Environmental sustainability is one of the main goals of the millennium. It has now become a core economic and social issue for providing a healthy planet. In

conjunction with this, I would like to draw the attention towards a burning new area of energy. This energy comes from renewable sources and hence called renewable energy.

Every nation is bestowed with abundant natural resources in the form of natural gas, coal, petroleum etc. Unfortunately, the activities of humans have disturbed the balance that existed in nature and the natural habitat and natural resources tend to deplete at a fast rate.



Fossil fuels are most common natural resources that have existed and are responsible to supply the much needed energy for fuel like petroleum. These resources are non renewable and are

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believed to finish in the next 50 years or so if the consumption continues at the same present rate. To cope up with this shortage and to also promote environmental sustainability and harmony, "Biofuel" or "Biodiesel" have come up in the big picture. This is a new kind of renewable fuel which can replace the conventional fossil fuel based diesel/petroleum. It can be made from practically any kind of vegetable oil. It is produced in the laboratory by chemically reacting lipids (e.g., vegetable oil, animal fat and tallow) with an alcohol producing fatty acid esters or commonly called Biodiesel.

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### Attaining MDGs



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To attain MDGs, we have to use the talents we have, in a professional way and also in serious way. E.g. if someone is good in teaching primary students then he/she should use that quality to teach free of cost. Same if we apply to use talent to achieve MDGs and other social goals, we can attain everything that is needed. One must have confidence over thoughts and actions. And finally yet importantly we all

have to work together to have a positive change in the world and to achieve our set goals.

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### Youth Volunteerism Saves Lives



- Ellen Hayes

I was first involved with NGO and non-profit work when I was a thirteen year old kid. I was largely involved with HIV-AIDS prevention, gay rights and education by youth for youth. It introduced me to the emotional realities that are ignored by every society in some way but it also introduced me to the empowerment and

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healing that can be created from young people having a voice. There is nothing as powerful. When youth volunteers gather around a cause they believe in, they create a family amongst themselves. That family has passion and vision that cannot be ignored, and in the larger sense, all youth volunteers are a family. One big, loud, diverse, kind, honest, brilliant, visionary family...

It's a power source that cannot be measured or underestimated. When I was able to change someone's life for the better in any way, it changed me. Whether it was bringing food to someone who was no longer able to feed herself, telling a 13 year old that fighting could lead to bloody knuckles which could lead to HIV, or helping a young girl out of an abusive relationship and giving her a safe place to live-- having the freedom to be who you

are and honestly help someone along with other people who care about the world. That is change. That is how the small moments become world-changing events, and young people are uniquely qualified to push everything to the next level, when, and only when, they feel empowered.

The MDG's are, to me, the goals that every human needs and wants and it will take money, initiative and power to face these challenges, but without youth initiatives, there is nothing. If these goals are to be realized by 2015 the youth movement needs to be supported and celebrated, because youth is the power that every organization needs. We cannot and will not be ignored. We have to put that daring, explosive energy to a good, healing use. That's the magic.

### Volunteering: A Never-ending Compassion



- Christine Yusuf,  
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Volunteering is a never-ending compassion story that we are sharing and also getting from each other as we are doing a good cause. I remembered when I was doing fundraising with my friends on Parkland College for St. Jude's Children Research Hospital last spring 2011. The goal was to build a "The Possibility Place", a garden with over 4000 paving stones, enhanced with the artwork of patients and their families.

In our mind, I and my friends could feel the positive excitement and satisfaction at

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the very first time and for the whole volunteering time. We were encouraging people to support this cause. Even there was no dollar collected yet, but we just knew that how great that this small action would lead to. Since we had strong beliefs, we did it with fun, we greeted every people with smile and it seemed those people were also reflecting the good things, understanding the good cause and donating at the end.

Well, some volunteer work might let us see the direct impacts but some needs longer time. Well, one of mine was our hope that it would create friendlier and psychologically hopeful environment for those children in the hospital. Furthermore, we hope that it would have a domino effect on reducing child mortality.

\* St. Jude's hospital in Memphis, Tennessee is finding cures for children with cancer and

### Secret of Change: Questions to overcome



- Martin J. Cowling, CEO  
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Pollution, poverty, powerlessness So much seems to stand in the way of creating the world we live in. A guy I was talking to yesterday said "there are only 13 of us in our group. How can we change the world?"

Lets concentrate not on problems but on people, people, people and answer three questions ourselves:

1. what's causes are People concerned about?
2. what do People really want?

3. what are People focused on when they are on-line?

Answer those questions and you could enlist many people in finding innovative solutions to engaging the community in reaching our 21st century goals: People can overcome powerlessness, fight poverty and stop pollution. All blessings to you.

### Extreme poverty and hunger



Fernanda Alves Pereira

Extreme poverty and hunger in a XXI century? I can hear this every day of my life, and it will still sound ironic to me. Why? Easy, because we are living in a globalized

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, industrialized world, but we still are having problems from years ago. Why can we resolve these problems? Let me tell you why, because we are not working like we suppose to do it to fight against it. As I said, we are living in a world that is communicate, full of the most amazing technologies (the kind of technology that we only used to see in movies). We have improved in some many things, like economy; but we still facing one of the sadness things in the world, people still dying because they do not have a house, they do not have clothes, not food. While we spend a lot of money buying things that maybe we will never use they have nothing to eat. Can you imagine that? Have not food for your mom, dad, sister, brother, grandma? We live in a world that is divided into two extremes, which is the people that has too much and the

people that has nothing. Yes, this is our world. We are not that commitment to change things, which is why we continue seeing kids working on the streets, pregnant young ladies that has not even primary education, people facing the worse diseases. Sorry to generalize, but the people who suppose to care about these problems, people that have the power to improve things are worried about other things. This is why I say that we, young people, known as "The Youth" have the entire responsibility to start to think about being the hero we are looking for. We, The Youth have to start thinking about new project, innovative ideas in which we can change the reality, known as make "A better world". We have the responsibility to do it, we need to start to think that we are not only the future, we are the present and

must to show that we are present, doing, not just talking. The only way we can improve this, is to start working, believe in our objective and see the world as just one, not hundreds of countries being apart, being different. Because we can be different, but we are the same, we live in the same planet; we breathe the same air, we believe in a better tomorrow. Is now when we have to eradicate problems that affect us since years ago. Can you imagine a worldwide project in which countries help the most affected countries in the world with these problems? Just giving the clothes, toys, books, food they do not use and send it to those kids? It would change everything!!! Imagine if school start giving scholarships to kids, young and adults that do not have access to primary education. Imagine if all the

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companies start to give opportunity to more people to work. Imagine if there is free health?

Can you imagine how amazing all these things are? How we can change things doing this? And the only common thing about these solutions is the social inclusion. Everybody deserves the same things, the primary things. Food, clothes, educations, health, home, family, even toys. We deserve these. They deserve these. Our world deserve a better future, we deserve the opportunity to change that. Nothing is impossible and impossible is nothing.

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## Gender Equality in Japan



- Yumiko Mase

IAVE Japan member. Leader of G-Child

When I first heard about the Millennium Development Goals, the first thought was that they were not Japan's issues. However, there is a gender problem. Our country should know not only the problems in different countries but also those of our own country. Since the Second World War, the Japanese government has attempted to implement gender equality throughout society. While these changes have taken many years to produce results, recently companies, schools, and families have come to recognize gender equality.

For example, two generations ago boys and girls had segregated colors for their backpacks and their pencil cases. Boys were expected to purchase black backpacks, and girls were expected to purchase red backpacks. The same went for pencil cases; boys bought blue ones, and girls bought pink ones. However, presently children can chose to buy any variety of colored items without stigmatization.

Girls have also been allowed to be class president. In the past, boys were always class presidents and the best a girl could achieve would be vice president. Moreover, when calling attendance in the classroom, teachers call the student names in alphabetical order, regardless of their gender. Customarily boys were called first then girls. But because of these changes, the next generation of adults may regard

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each gender equally.

Nowadays, women have a varied selection of occupations to select from. For example, women can become train conductors and school presidents, as well as owners of small businesses. Men, on the other hand, can be nurses and also stay at home dads.

## Speech On Eradication Of Extreme Poverty And Hunger.



Calvin Jodisi  
Kenya  
Change Mind Change Future  
Founder/Executive Chair

'Ladies and gentlemen, the number one major goal in the United Nation is the eradication of extreme poverty and

hunger. All nations are geared towards achieving this in Kenya we have the Vision 2030 as part of MDG, The gap between the rich and the poor increases daily in the entire world. Proper nutrition is a major challenge to the poor countries in the world mostly the horn of Africa where hunger and famine is experienced every single. There has no been any solution but much focus has been geared towards the short term plans only. Many families in the third world countries still live on one meal a day.

For many years our world leaders has always put blames on global economic crises, but for how long will this be an obstacle towards the realization of this great goal that would change the world to a healthy and a bright future.

Ladies and gentlemen I believe that if the world leaders would embrace suitable

development as a tool that will help the poor people come up with ideas that could make them self reliant, I am sure that one day this goal will be a dream come true in the entire world and hence the world will be an equal platform. Thank you so much'

## MDGs in Teaching



- Bert Tuga

Since 2000 when the United Nations Millennium Declaration was adopted by UN member countries, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), especially in

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teacher education, are used as a means of exploring concepts of development and sustainability among students. By understanding the context of MDGs and familiarizing themselves with the eight goals, prospective teachers may acquire a "world view" of education necessary to carry out their roles in the education of children in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This includes studying the interconnected issues of poverty, illiteracy, inequality, non-peace and violence, and unsustainable development, among others. Thus, there is a pressing need to introduce or integrate the MDGs in the curriculum of pre-service teachers. To what extent and on what ways, will still be identified based on effective practices and outputs of research.

## **Creative Pedagogy: Exploring a Pathway for Teaching the MDGs**

Creative Pedagogy is the science and art of creative teaching. It embraced the research in the field of creativity and places it into the classroom to enhance the teaching-learning process. Creative Pedagogy teaches learners how to learn creatively, become creators of themselves and builders of their future.

According to Alex Osborn, in his article on Humane Creativity, defines Creative Pedagogy as "a trend in science, [which] summarizes and explains everything from music and art classes to creatively-oriented courses." These include art (creativity classes), technical creativity, the psychology of creativity, creative problem-solving and creatively-oriented courses.

## **MDGs: A bird's eye view**

To provide students with an overview of the concepts, the teacher presented the Millennium Development Goals:

1. Eradicating Extreme Poverty and Hunger
2. Achieving Universal Primary Education
3. Promoting Gender Equality
4. Reducing Child Mortality
5. Improving Maternal Health
6. Combating AID/HIV, Malaria and other diseases
7. Ensuring Environmental Sustainability
8. Forging Global Partnership

MDGS are important as they endorse a multi-dimensional view of development. Most notably, these different social problems are "cross-cutting" and have been adopted by many countries and international development agencies as a

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basis for their work. MDGs are especially significant for children because they cover most of the fundamental rights of the child. They include many development indicators relevant to children. Most of the other indicators cover areas that have a direct or indirect impact on children, such as maternal mortality.

## **Creative Presentation or Production**

To make students engagement with MDGs more meaningful and experiential, the entire class was instructed to stage a 20-minute creative presentation or production using the MDGs theme song as the basic medium. The presentation included but not limited to creative or artistic expressions like singing, dancing, acting, and script-writing. They were also encouraged to utilize indigenous and recyclable materials for the presentation or production.

## **Implications to Teaching**

Without prejudice to existing pedagogical approaches, this initial study found that creative pedagogy is one effective pathway in introducing or integrating the Millennium Development Goals in the classroom.

The teacher as designer of learning environment and facilitator of learning paved the way to develop student learning in an independent and experiential manner. In effect, they enhanced their critical and creative thinking skills from the conceptualization stage to performance stage; not to mention the discovery of hidden potentials/talents and the enhanced self-confidence of students.

The learners became constructors in the learning environment. They discovered, explored, found, and

processed information independently and creatively. Thus, they established accountability of their own learning.

Creative pedagogy is an appropriate tool for presenting lessons with high social relevance. Music, dances and creative movements, and role-playing could serve as effective springboard in surfacing deeper meaning of the concept like the Millennium Development Goals. With creative pedagogy in the classroom, the students did not only learn the concepts well but they also enjoyed learning while working with others. With the presence of multi-media technology in the classroom addressing modern learning styles and needs of the students, creative pedagogy could be one best option which is equally compelling like the former. The only difference maybe, in

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creative pedagogy, students will be engaged in higher forms of creativity while investing on their very potentials that are yet to be discovered.

As students sing, act and dance, they are bringing themselves at the forefront of the learning process where benefits of a meaningful, experiential and socially-responsive pedagogy are just a few steps away.

### Solving Poverty through the arts.



- Anna Karina Jardin

"The best antidote to any form of conflict is the inner expression and beauty of art." Violence by itself seldom can stop war, but the act of inner expression through artistic activities can have a calming or inspiring effect that can heal a wounded soul and make peace possible." Art is essential to ones learning. One must be creative enough to realize and create a dream that will turn into their reality. It inspires people. Art builds bridges of hope.

Poverty is one of the facades of conflict. I personally believe that must be taught and given the skills instead of goods. In a perspective of a volunteer, time and talents are two key things that goes along with a heart of gold. A half hearted decision in helping others will only give unripe fruits. Those who have been volunteering with their hearts will always receive the sweetest taste of the fruits that they labored and that is translated to the growth of their communities.

Through art, we can transcend poverty as it gives nourishment to the soul, creating positive energy for the body. Hence, the realization of ones potentials through the art is necessary to combat the real cause of poverty which is the lack of initiative and motivation. Using art to hone the skills, creativity and analytical thinking of the

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learners regardless of their economic standings plays an important role to the development of ones self esteem.

Artistikong Kabataan Philippines Inc. is a non- partisan, non-governmental organization. It upholds cultural diversity as it is not limited to Filipino citizens only but also to all who have the same likes and pursuits for a better quality of life. This organization values leadership through arts and culture.

Founded by Anna Karina Jardin in 2010. She is one of the junior ambassadors for Mondialogo (Cultural Dialogue )given by UNESCO and Daimler Chrysler in 2006 in Rome, Italy. She is Noted for the "Peace Calendar" and the "Peace trees" project with the Asia America Initiative.She is an international and local speaker for youth empowerment , arts and development and an MDG advocate. She made use of

her passion in twining the realms of artistry, dreams and leadership which has inspired many young people of today's society. She has been noted for her artistic works and leadership by Manila Bulletin 2007, Philippine Star,2008, Women today magazine in 2009 and The News today in 2010, The Jakarta Post in 2011.

The organization aims to activate leadership with a heart among the youth, connect young people, to empower the youth of today in creating an impact to the society through a universal language which is Art. "Volunteering with a heart is what we always believe in. It made our small steps meaningful for each and everyone involved.

Painting sessions, feeding programs, values formation talks and personality development sessions ,leadership seminars , cultural exchanges

and activities that will harness the youth of today are the things that we are into.

Artistikong Kabataan Philippines Inc. Organizes and implements projects for the youth wherein they can find their common ground in building a better future.

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### My experience with the 1<sup>st</sup> School Program initiated by The Green Volunteer



- Md. Shamim Hossain Noman

In June 2009 myself and the pioneers of THE GREEN VOLUNTEERS, Bangladesh was visit the village community based school in Gazipur, Bangladesh. There exists a substantial number of NGO-run non-formal schools, category mainly to the drop-outs of the government and non-government primary schools or children with poor or vulnerable peoples. The main objective of the tour was to build up leadership and



The school program was to create awareness about environment, team work, leadership, and knowledge to work in group as a part of the community development.

We initiated few necessary games items including art paper, colored pencil, placer, festoons as well as a lot of chocolates. It was rained cats and dogs and we reached there at 11:00 am instead of 10:00. Fortunately rain was stopped and we started our activities at 11:30 am. Firstly, we selected 80 students randomly and

divided them into 5 sub-groups and 5 team leaders. The 5 volunteers were instructed the 5 sub-groups were named by the group to make them creative and they were very happy to give the name of their own group.



We also talked to the children about importance of education, what they can achieve if they study, we will try to help them in every way we can. However, they must go to school and think to help the society as well as keep the environment green.

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### Journey with The Green Volunteers



-Saleh Mohammad  
- Shahriar

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are" - Theodore Roosevelt just like that it is a matter of great delights that at first time "The Green Volunteers" is going to publish first ever online magazine. Just like a tiny bird growing in a small nest, it developed to serve the deprived people of the society. I especially thanked Roshidul sir for his continuous effort as we tried to publish a national magazine 6 years ago "The Monthly ICT & Agriculture". But at the last moment we failed due to some barrier. The efforts of his (Roshidul Sir) great vision, along with the support of the members we make it possible.

I pleased to share my own experience with the Green Volunteers, our first field activity was started on December 2005 when myself and Sir went out to Boraibari at Gangachara upazilla (sub-district) in Rangpur district to distribute warm cloths among the helpless people. That time we collected some money and warm clothes form our university students and staff. But when we reached at the spot at Gagachara we felt our collection were really very less. It was not enough to support all the suffering people. During cloth distribution, we could not properly distribute it because there needs were much higher than our support. That time we observed due to the necessity man become impassionate. Here necessity knows no law. For the time we realized a team effort. Before doing any voluntary work at first we must build up a team. Actually this was the first time we think about a voluntary group formation. Then we started our tem work. We played several

games named ice breaking, team building, knowledge gathering, seeking for hidden resource, but our main game is "school program" where our main attempt to change attitude and behavior of our children. By changing their behavior and attitude, we want to change our society. Because they are the key for future. We never provide them any financial support. We want to give them voice, rights and make them technically sound by which they can change their own luck by their own efforts. At last we are at the end of our success. It is a victory day for us. Our dreams come true. Yesssss, At last we got it. I heartily congratulate all the members for their collective efforts for tuning up a new online magazine "**The Green Volunteers**".

I hope that, the new magazine will be able to provide dynamic services to our nation and society. I wish its success in the years to come.

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### The Other Wing of the Bird



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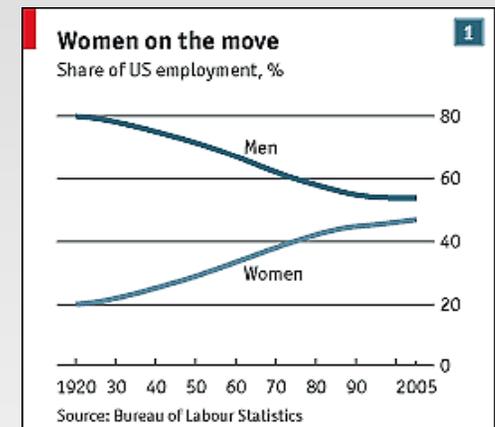
Have you ever seen a bird, flying on a single and keeping one of her wing in rest with care? It is obvious she will fall down soon. I am not such a romantic person to describe the beauty of a woman every else does like his opposite gender and so eager to care about his love with respect and romance. Most often feminist complain about men hindering their efforts to bring harmony in the society with men and women. In addition, obviously it is very

much important. Referring about that bird, it is, as a union, which needs two compulsory components of her own to fly in the sky. Would you like to fly with your beloved partner and individual, let her do her job buddy. Alternatively, either you may fall down, are drowned with your union, it is your choice.

Now let us talk about the men extremist. I heard many people talking about confiding their women. Some for the sake of Religion, some pointing about their physical weakness with fighting the hostile world. Well, what if women follow her religion; find a job that suits her. Besides, it is our need to cooperate our women. You may have enough wealth to feed your female partner and family members. But, indeed you are killing a merit. While the whole world trying with every possible potentials to cope up with the daily

emerging challenges to meet up World Food Security, Environmental Sustainability, Peace Crisis etc., in that place you are keeping women as your pet. It should not be that way.

What about the current scenario? It's a tale of centuries ago when women fought for their right in job market and international politics. Current news flash is, women are now going to take control of the steering wheel in job sectors. Let me show you the current position of women in job market in US.



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If we drag the curve few forward, there'd a graph where men should worry about their possession and opportunity to get job. You all know the USA leads the world economy. Don't you think it's one of their secrets in success? Truth is, every developed country has come forward to let their women to work and accelerate the economy. Let's see another statistics:



In the developing world, too, more women now have paid jobs. In the emerging East Asian economies, for every 100 men in the labor force there are now 83 women, higher even than the average in developed countries. Women have been particularly important to the success of Asia's export industries, typically accounting for 60-80% of jobs in many export sectors, such as textiles and clothing. Surveys suggest that women make perhaps 80% of consumers' buying decisions—from health care and homes to furniture and food. Its natural as women helps mostly in household chores beside their official works and it's the main place where they differ from man. People in developing and undeveloped countries, saying women do not fit for outside works. They are born to take care of home. It is no way true and just a lame

reason to restrict women from living better. They may not be perfect for every work but there are lots of works where they are best to fit in. What they need is just some cooperation from social and nation communities. If the society can ensure their option, there are lots of women to take the lead and many others to follow her path.

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### Let's Fight Against Poverty and Hunger for a Beautiful World



- Raisa Tasneem

In the 20<sup>th</sup> century where the development of science and technology is increasing and progressing, majority of the population of the world are suffering from the problem of poverty and hunger which is becoming devastating day by day. Hunger can be defined as the uneasy or painful sensation caused by want of food; craving appetite. Also the exhausted condition caused by want of food. Or maybe they want or scarcity of food in

a country. On the other hand poverty is an economic condition of lacking both money and basic necessities needed to successfully live, such as food, water, education, healthcare, and shelter.

On estimation by FAO, about 925 million people in the world are suffering from hunger which is very dominant in Asia and Pacific. On the contrary more than 80 percent people live in the countries where income differentials are widening.

In the simple sense it is known that poverty is the principal cause of hunger. The causes of poverty include poor people's lack of resources, an extremely unequal income distribution, and it leads to hunger itself. Another point is the ordinary operation of the economic and political systems in the world. Essentially control

over resources and income is based on military, political and economic power that typically ends up in the hands of a minority, who live well, while those at the bottom barely survive, if they do. And because of hunger and poor health, low levels of energy, and even mental impairment, hunger can lead to even greater poverty by reducing people's ability to work and learn, thus leading to even greater hunger. Moreover, increasing drought, flooding, and changing climatic patterns requiring a shift in crops and farming practices that may not be easily accomplished leading to the scarcity of food.

It is said that the world produces enough food to feed everyone. But the principal problem is that many people in the world do not have sufficient land to grow, or income to purchase,

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enough food. It's clear that handouts and traditional aid are not enough to solve the problem of poverty and hunger. So traditional and technical aids should be applied to the food industry to grow more food and make a market where people can buy food at their own capability. And by ensuring that the producers are getting their actual price of product, the price of the food to the buyers will reduce. To let the people of this beautiful world live with a smile on their face without poverty and hunger every abled and developed people and countries should come forward.

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### The Green Volunteers for the Peoples Wellbeing



- Nipa Akter

The Green Volunteers are the group of people they work with people at any age (Children, Young and Adult) and any class (Students, Shopkeepers, Small Businessman) to do something good or positive. They help people to do positive and think positive. The Green Volunteers mainly work with people to create consciousness. They go many kindergarten schools and primary schools to teach students to keep their environment clean. Their activities

include keeping waste materials and dusts in baskets, no at random places. They teach them with fun and game so that children do not feel bore about these practices. They also advise them how to keep a school, house, classroom every places clean. I think it is the most effective and method of teaching and advising the kids. Along with working with the children, they also visit shopkeepers, vegetable shops, fish markets and advise them to keep their environment neat and clean which is both ecofriendly and attractive for the customers. They provide baskets to some shopkeepers for encouraging this practice. By all these means they want to create awareness among them. I think it is really a vital and good work.

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## Some useful tips to save Energy



- Tanjin Akter Tania

By following these simple tips one can reduce consumption of Electricity to a large extent .

### Lighting :

Turn off light when not in use..

De-dust lighting fixtures to maintain illumination

Compact fluorescent bulbs are four times more energy efficient than incandescent bulbs and provide the same lighting

Use electronic chokes in place of conventional copper chokes...

### Fans :

Replace conventional regulators with

electronic regulators for ceiling fans

Install exhaust fans at a higher elevation than ceiling fans

### Electric iron :

Select iron boxes with temperature cutoff

Do not put more water on clothes while ironing

Do not iron wet clothes .

### Mixers:

Avoid dry grinding in your food processors (mixers and grinder) as it takes longer time than wet grinding

### Microwaves ovens :

Don't open the oven door too often to check food condition as each opening leads to a temperature drop of 25 degree

### Gas stove

When cooking on a gas burner, use moderate flame settings to conserve LPG

Remember that a blue flame means your gas stove is operating efficiently

Yellowish flame is an indicator that the burner needs cleaning

Use pressure cookers as much as possible

Use lids to cover the pans while cooking

### Computer :

Turn-off your computer screen, laptop, printer etc when not in use.

If the computer must be left on ,turn off the monitor; this device alone uses more than half the system's energy

Setting computer, monitor, copiers to use sleep-mode when not in use helps cut energy cost by approximately 40 percent

### Refrigerator

Regularly defrost manual-defrost refrigerators and freezers; frost buildup increases the amount of energy to keep the motor running

Leave enough place between your refrigerator and the walls so that air can

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easily circulate around the refrigerator  
Avoid putting hot or warm food straight  
into the fridge

Washing Machines

Always wash only with full loads

Use optima quantity of water

Use timer facility to save energy

Use the correct amount of detergent

Use hot water only for every dirty clothes

Always use cold water in the rinse cycle

Prefer natural drying over electric dryers

Air Conditioners

Keep regulators at "low cool" position

Don't place lamps or TV sets near your air  
conditioning thermostat.

### How Volunteerism Can Help Society



- Erin Zaman

Volunteerism, a great occupation! It's really not an occupation, an undoubtful service devoted to mankind. One kind of nursing that cures many unexpected problems, such as- any kind of natural disaster (flood, cyclone), war etc. The great advantage of volunteerism is, people of all stage of society can devote themselves as volunteer in any social crisis without considering any religion, any cast, any country etc. Especially, young generation can play a vital role in this aspect. Volunteerism, a mirror of humanity can

save much precious life, can guard valuable asset, that can't be explained in words. In case of any natural disaster, if we consider cyclone, volunteers can help people by taking them to safe home, by distributing relief, by giving first aid, by raising awareness about sanitation that will help them to avoid many water-borne diseases. In case of flood, a lot of people lost lives, assets. They become totally helpless, foodless, shelter less. Volunteers collect relief from Govt. & private source & distribute them among the helpless, flood affected people. In some cases, the Govt. relief doesn't reach among the people of remote places. Volunteers can help in this aspect. They train people how to maintain proper sanitation to be disease-free during outbreak of many water-borne diseases. They give inspiration to gain after losing everything to the helpless people.

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Volunteers can also involve in educating illiterate masses. They can teach them about many social issues like family planning, how to raise children, how to maintain sanitation etc. In time of war volunteers are effective in many ways. They can help soldiers by supplying foods& arms, by nursing & servicing the wounded soldiers. They can raise inspiration among fighters by singing patriotic song. Volunteers can contribute in many major & minor social problems. Say a village situated near river where the villagers are suffering for long day due to having no culvert or bridge. There the main problem is fund, labor. Volunteers can collect fund & give labor uniting with villagers for greater benefit of villagers. Thus, in many complex moment when society faces any uncertainty, volunteers come ahead & take responsibility to save.

the people, to save society from many difficulties by their humanity, give inspiration to become active with new vigor, new hope.

## Environmental Sustainability



- Nafia Hassan

We by ourselves and the creatures on the earth along with our total climate are the elements of environment. By the process of time & revolution of industrialization we are making it worse day by day. Here we have to be conscious for betterment and for our existence. That's why we must need to create awareness by us for the sustainable environment with proper waste

management, reducing the hazardous chemicals & make it biosafety. For that great achievement we need create a sustainable community first that assure further goals & missions.

Now a day we are facing challenges like global warming, losing the biodiversity, climate changes, early flooding, green house effects and etc. We can measure environmental sustainability through

- The Environmental Sustainability Index
- The Environmental Performance Measurement

• The Environmental Vulnerability Index  
Here those index provide us information about our environment on which we are working is appropriate or doing well with prevailing community or not Almost we are living in the vulnerable environment that we made by us. By means of

- Using chemicals and pesticides

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- Smokes(vehicles)
- Using polybag
- Using cfcs in A.C. & refrigerators
- Deforestation
- Industrialization and etc. major issues,

We are making our environment more vulnerable day by day.

To make it sustainable we have to work hard. Adoption of newer eco-friendly techniques such:

- using bio fertilizers,
- adoption of nanotechnologies for up taking water and making it efficient use,
- lowering the use of polybags and proper use of paper bags
- Afforestation
- Saving the hilly areas
- Social forestry making by creating awareness.

But our major issue can be waste management. We all know the power of

3R i.e. Reduce, Reuse& Reclaim. We can develop it by ourselves by:

- Collection of garbage
- Making it useful for further use
- By making of biofuels
- By making bio gas plants from the municipal garbage plant
- Water refining plants near industrial wastes
- By making fertilizers from the garbage etc.

By adopting all of them we can create our better economic backbones & thus healthy environment as well as sustainable also for future.

Community based approaches starting from changing ourselves like reducing the use of hazardous elements, adopting tree plantation events, proper management of wastes etc. can provide us the regulatory power to go forward.

## Towards attaining the MDGs



- Abdullah Al Mahmud Shohag

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In September 2000, United Nations adopted the Millennium Declaration, which gave rise to the MDGs. 189 countries signed the Millennium Declaration, a commitment to work together to build a safer, prosperous and equitable world. Government is working hard to attain MDGs and more or less they are on the right track. As conscious citizen of the country we have some responsibilities to make this successful.

Bangladesh has got some success

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in eradicating extreme poverty & hunger. But we notice slow progress productive employment. We need closer scrutiny and work in the rural villages one by one. When the progress will be very satisfactory, next target should be ensuring employment for all which will ensure sustainability & productivity.

Most regions of Bangladesh have primary education above 85%. So this is a sector where progress has been commendable. However, we must keep an eye on dropout rates which is still high in some areas. We should also focus on moral education in the primary level.

Women leadership in various stages of the country pen pictures a great scenario of gender equality & empowering leadership. But the scenario is not same in all cases. The share of women in wage employment in non agriculture sector is

low. We should try to even the playing field for them. In recent years, school & college going girls are seen in trouble in road for eve teasing by some crazy guys. We need to motivate these guys to stop these things that can bring much gender equality in society. Bangladesh has been able to reduce child mortality. People also have become so conscious that they hardly take more than two children. But in many villages there are uneducated people who are not concerned of taking their wives to clinics for regular check up in pregnancy. We need to make them conscious about this because it can both ensure sound health condition of the mother & baby.

Combating AIDS and other diseases is an area of great concern. Not much Bangladeshi people aged 15 to 20 have sound knowledge about AIDS whereas many people have some misconceptions.

To remove these misconceptions & to aware them, we need to do campaign in urban & rural areas. Ensuring environmental sustainability is a great concern for us. Because of the continuous climate change, Bangladesh stands at a high risk zone to be affected by earthquake, cyclone, flood and other natural disasters. We need to be conscious about it and then work hard to save our country from these disasters. Bangladesh is not sufficiently active in developing global partnerships. At present, it is trying to build regional partnerships. Beside this country often misses good leadership. We can practice creating leadership by our volunteer works in different areas with different people.

Reaching the targets by 2015 will be a great challenge for Bangladesh. We have to give emphasis on proper strategy,

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education & employment. If we can develop in these areas then it will be easier to reach the MDGs targets.

## A Happy Volunteer



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Volunteer works means any service of one's own free will, without solicitation or compulsion. Be a member of green volunteers, I can work for our society, peoples as well as for our country and whole world. Voluntary work is most pleasurable work in the world because behind it there is no hope of any return. Best wishes for the Green volunteer.

## Why you are a volunteer



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When a child was borne, in the first place he or she must need to take a responsibility. Do you know what is it? That child must need to take breaths. Otherwise he/she cannot stay any longer in this world. What is the sign that indicates that you are breathing? You need to cry to convince other that you breathe. That is right. Someone's first responsibility is crying. This is the only thing which you applied when you feel insecure or something like that. After about one month, you learned how to laughs and that is the point. The first thing

you learned is how to laughs. Is not it an amazing thing?

You start the journey in this world with a responsibility and you need to take many others in your life time and finally, when your journey ends, you go back there from where you came from. That is not the point. Point is, can you tell these sentences "how beautiful my life was, how beautiful the world is" and satisfy your mind that you always take your responsibility and done those very well at your final journey. Do you start thinking about that or just think "as I am in, one day, I need to out." Very simple! Well, I can assure you, that is not as much simple it looks like. It is also very simple!

First thing you need to know about volunteer work is what it is. Well, that can be anything you can do for other. Suppose, you tell your mom "mom, I am

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going to clean my room!" that certainly a volunteer work because you try to help your mom and reduce his work load. Another point of view is you think; it's time to prove yourself to other that you are a responsible one or you have something to hide. Amazing that, all point support the volunteer theory. If you consider another example from your real life, it can be a restaurant. You went a restaurant with your friend and after eating you tell your friend "give your share, I will pay in the counter" and you do so and finally tips the waiter. You might be disagreeing but it must be a volunteer work and you also done a social responsibility when you tip your waiter. From these two examples you can define volunteer work as according to Wikipedia-

"Volunteering is generally considered an altruistic activity, intended to promote good or improve human quality of life,

but people also volunteer for their own skill development, to meet others, to make contacts for possible employment, to have fun, and a variety of other reasons that could be considered self-serving. Volunteerism is the act of selflessly giving your life to something you believe free of pay. Although if a person volunteers they may not earn money, it produces a feeling of self-worth and volunteers earn respect and Favors instead of money. Volunteers serve on an as-needed basis, such as in response to a natural disaster or for a beach-cleanup. Now match those with your life."

In your life, you served many times as a volunteer and taking responsibility. But this is the time for a structural way. The **Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)** are eight international development goals that all 193 United Nations member states and

at least 23 international organizations have agreed to achieve by the year 2015. They include eradicating extreme poverty, reducing child mortality rates, fighting disease epidemics such as AIDS, and developing a global partnership for development. Now it is time for work as a team. This is why you breathe and start taking responsibility. This is for your first lough and this is for our last sentence "how beautiful the world is!" that's why you are a volunteer and we stand together.

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### Volunteerism is My Passion



- Asif Iqbal

Volunteerism stands for the practice of helping out the vulnerable individuals only for the main purpose of bringing peace and harmony from their troublesome status for free. Volunteerism raises among the great minded people. Since when I learnt about peace and humanity in my childhood, I always had the thinking of serving and helping people in the society. And now it is my great opportunity to work with The Green Volunteers which brought me the opportunity to work on my passion. It has

Been a year since I've been working with The Green Volunteers and I believe peace relies bringing smile among the helpless people. I wish all the best for The Green Volunteers.

### Volunteering and Its Outstanding Benefits



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Volunteering is nothing but helping yourself while helping others. Volunteering is an altruistic activity to improve quality of human life and society through own interest, which in return produces a feeling of respect, instead of money.

With busy lives, it can be hard to find time to volunteer. However, the benefits of volunteering are enormous to you, your family and your community. The right match can help you find friends, reach out to the community, get new skills and experiences and even advance your career. It can also help protect your mental and physical health. Get know more about the benefits of volunteering and find tips on getting started as a volunteer.

1: Volunteering connects you to others. Volunteering allows you to connect to your community and make it a better place. It helps you make new friends, expand your network, and boost your social skills. Volunteering helps you make new friends and contacts. Volunteering also strengthens your ties to the community and broadens your support network, exposing

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you to people with common interests, neighborhood resources, and fun and fulfilling activities.

Volunteering increases your social and relationship skills

Volunteering gives you the opportunity to practice and develop your social skills,

since you are meeting regularly with a group of people with common interests

Volunteering as a family

Children watch everything you do. It's also a valuable way for you to get to know organizations in the community and find resources and activities for your children and family.

2: Volunteering is good for your mind and body.

Volunteering increases self-confidence.

Your role as a volunteer can also give you a sense of pride and identity with self-confidence which make you feel about

yourself having a positive view of your life and future goals.

Volunteering combats depression.

Volunteering keeps you in regular contact with others and helps you develop a solid support system during your challenging times.

Volunteering helps you stay physically healthy. Studies have found that those who volunteer have a lower mortality rate than those who do not. Volunteering has also been shown to lessen symptoms of chronic pain or heart disease.

3: Volunteering can advance your career

If you're considering a new career, volunteering can help you get experience in your area of interest and meet people in the field. It will provide you opportunity to practice important skills used in the workplace, such as teamwork,

communication, problem solving, project planning, task management, and organization.

4: Volunteering brings fun and fulfillment to your life

Doing volunteer work you find meaningful and interesting can be a relaxing, energizing escape from your day-to-day routine of work or family commitments.

Volunteering also provides you with renewed creativity, motivation, and vision that can carry over into your personal and professional life.

Tips for Getting Started Volunteering

First, ask yourself if there is something specific you want to do.

For example, do I want...

...to make it better around where I live

...to meet people who are different from me

...to try something new

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- ...to do something with my spare time
- ...to see a different way of life and new places
- ...to do more with my interests and hobbies
- ...to do something I'm good at

The best way to volunteer is to match your personality and interests. Having answers to these questions will help you narrow down your search.

Source of Tips: *World Volunteer Web*

Getting the most out of volunteering

Most importantly, make sure you're having fun! The best volunteer experiences benefit both the volunteer and the organization. You are sure to enjoying yourself. Just stay connected.

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