



DECLINE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

From 2019-2021, the number of young people engaging in community service dropped significantly. Even today, young people's engagement in service is still lower than pre-pandemic levels.

Because of social media and the internet, young people have more exposure to local issues than ever before, and care deeply about different issues, yet they are not taking action. Why do you think this may be?

- *Not having the time or being too over scheduled with activities and schoolwork?*
- *Being unaware of the organizations that need help?*
- *Assuming that local organizations need funds rather than physical presence?*
- *Not knowing how to get started?*
- *Being unsure about who will encourage or support their efforts?*



Sustainable Development Goal Connection

Volunteering and Community Service connects to all 17 of the SDGs. In fact, there's not a single goal that doesn't connect service to greater peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and in the future.

ONLY 25% OF THE YOUTH POPULATION PARTICIPATES IN COMMUNITY SERVICE.

VOLUNTEERS ARE CRUCIAL FOR CHARITIES AND NONPROFITS, MANY OF WHICH WOULD NOT SURVIVE WITHOUT THEIR VOLUNTEERS.

THE NEED FOR FOOD BANKS HAS INCREASED OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS, BUT THE LACK OF VOLUNTEERS HAS MADE IT DIFFICULT TO MEET THE GROWING NEED.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. mean when he said, “Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve.”
2. How is community service a responsibility of Americans, like voting and civic engagement?
3. What types of community service do you see most often?
4. What are ways that you could help encourage more people to take action in community service?

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Check out more info in the Community Service — Unifying Youth Through Action Campaign at educationplus.org

TAKE ACTION

You’re invited to participate in the *Realize the Dream* initiative!

Join today and make a positive impact on your community and inspire others to act and serve.

