Swinburne Student Amenities Association have positions available on its volunteer coordinating team for the Youth Humanitarian Festival 2016. The festival will be on Saturday 10th September 2016 at Swinburne University, Hawthorn Campus.

YHF has been a huge success since it was created in 2014 by a small team of university students, who have been able to bring together over 250 youth to be inspired by speakers, workshops and networking, while raising more than $4,000 for charity.

To follow up on the success of YHF 2015, we need to start planning YHF 2016 now. It'll be heaps of fun, a great learning experience and, most importantly, an incredibly rewarding way to help and inspire others.

What Is Youth Humanitarian Festival?

The aim of the Youth Humanitarian Festival is to inspire, empower and expand participants' awareness by increasing their understanding of various humanitarian and social issues with a focus on humanitarian matters in Australia, South East Asia and the Pacific region. We will provide an inspirational experience through direct contact with humanitarian professionals, NGO's and community groups all seeking to achieve change.

The goal of the festival is to motivate local and international youth to take action in developing sustainable projects and caring for the poor and those who suffer as victims of injustice, while motivating them to be active in volunteering in Australia and overseas.
This is an opportunity to engage students, encourage empathy and make them aware of the professional benefits they can get by volunteering.

YHF 2015 not only increased awareness and motivation of its attendees but also raised more than $2000 for participating organisations: Hagar Australia, Seven Women, Asylum Seeker Resource Centre and One Girl. This occurred through ticket sales and other means.

What We Are Looking For?

We are looking for a multidisciplinary, enthusiastic group of young people to be part of the Youth Humanitarian Festival.

All Swinburne student volunteers will be rewarded via SSAA’s Student Leadership and Volunteer Program.

ROLE DESCRIPTION

YHF 2016 Co-director

Applicants must:

• Current Swinburne student
• Have a passion for human rights and social issues
• Be aged between 18 – 35 years
• Be able to commit on average 5-7 hours per week to YHF
• Be able to work well in a team
• Experience in event planning
• Willingness to learn, work hard and be proactive

Key Responsibilities and Duties

In conjunction with the Director:

• Oversee the general programming, planning and vision of the festival.
• Provide advice, support and leadership to the committee.
• Report development and progress of the festival program to the Student Leadership Officer.
• Attend and facilitate the YHF meetings.
• Maintain and establish contact with local community groups and stakeholders to identify collaboration opportunities and involvement.
• Identify grants opportunities and develop the application with support from the Student Leadership Officer
• Report results against the objectives and provide recommendations for next YHF.
• Develop other tasks as required.

What Is In It For You?
• The opportunity to be creative and express your ideas for a great cause
• The opportunity to work alongside other like-minded young people
• Experience being involved in the organisation and project management of a major event
• Make fantastic networks with NGO’s, the local community and other students
• The chance to contribute to raise awareness on humanitarian and social issues.

How to Apply
Please send an email to leadership@swin.edu.au including;
• Your name and student number
• Resume
• A statement between 300 and 500 words of why you want to be involved with YHF 2016 as the Co-director, including any previous experience related to the role.