



NEWSLETTER

Dear NVPians,

Greetings to you all!

Welcome to the September issue of NVP Newsletter!

First things first, NVP Team wishes you all a very joyous and prosperous Eid-ul-Azha Mubarak. The month of August had been real vibrant with NVP calling its 15th Orientation Sessions, facilitating events with its Partner Institutions and NVP's Internship Chapter 1.

Summer break for the undergraduates have finished, students are back to their universities. We wish you all an enriching fall semester. Study hard, party harder, and while you are at it, don't forget to serve the community.

Our heart goes out to the volunteers who are serving and giving back to the society, we present our sincere gratitude to you all. Keep up the good work!

Warmest Regards,
Arslan Ahmed.
Editor.

**NVP volunteers
Successfully complete**

2,500+
volunteer hours



1,100+
Registered volunteers



30+
Registered Beneficiary Institutions



10,000+
Facebook Page Subscriptions



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8th Volunteer Appreciation Session and 15th Volunteer Orientation Session



On Saturday, 12th August 2017, NVP hosted a joint gathering of its graduated volunteers and newly registered volunteers. It is because of the consistency of our existing volunteers and the massive response from the newly registered volunteers that we have accomplished all of this and have marked off 15th Orientation of our journey.

The purpose of volunteer Orientations is about to introduce our new volunteers to the basic code of conduct required and expected of them. We also discuss their potential placement within our registered Beneficiary Institutions (BIs).

To make the most out of our Orientation Session, we coupled it with Volunteer Appreciation Session. The volunteers invited in appreciation session are those who successfully complete their volunteer term. The session commenced with a brief presentation that included, the scope of the National Volunteer programme, how it works and the Volunteer code of conduct along with their rights and obligations within the Beneficiary Institutions.

Ms. Mussarat Shaheen, Vice Principal, DCTO Campus, from Kiran Foundation who graced us with her presence as guest

of honor, addressed the participants. Followed by the address of Ms. Mussarat, the graduated volunteers shared their experience in terms of learning, networking and contributing. Later they were awarded with appreciation certificate. It was time for the tea break, an opportunity for participants to interact with one another. Past the break, one to one discussion took place with attendees to scrutinize their profiles and match their knowledge, skills and abilities to that of the available positions.

The Orientation Session is an integral part of our operations because, it equips us with the firsthand knowledge about the commitment of our volunteers, the services contributed by our existing volunteers and moving stories of our partner institutions. All of it drives the NVP Team to deliver the best in their capacity. Once again, we would like to Thank our Volunteers, and Institution for their tireless commitment to keep on giving to the society without expecting any return.

We will be posting about our upcoming programmes so stay tuned to our Website, and Facebook for details. In the meantime, spread the word and KEEP VOLUNTEERING!



“The subject of Climate Change is not constrained to environmentalists only but it holds a much wider scope for the marketers, architects, engineers and teachers”

On Sunday 27th August, National Volunteer Programme collaborated with FUR DIE FREIHEIT (FNF), German non-profit institution, for their Teachers Training Workshop on Climate Change at Movenpick, Karachi. Understanding the sensitivity of the Climate Change issue, NVP got onboard with FUR DIE FREIHEIT in order to successfully pull off their training workshop. Our team coordinated with NVP partner institutions including: Zindagi Trust, Street to School, Ra'ana Liaquat Craftsmen's Colony (RLCC) and Kiran Foundation, in an effort to get teacher working in these institutions trained at the event so that these teachers could transfer their learning onto the students. To our delight, all 17 teachers referred by NVP attended the training and made the workshop vibrant.

Lead by Ms Afia Salam, Journalist and Climate Expert, and Mr Aamir Amjad, Programme coordinator, FNF, Program Agenda was very well defined. Commencing from the basic concepts of Climate to different aspects of climate change as to how it affects the Human Beings from all walks of life. We learned that the effect of climate change can be observed in both short-run and the long-run. The disturbance created by the Climate change could go beyond the individuals and to entire economies as it can distort employment and migration patterns. In addition, the subject of Climate Change is not constrained to individuals belonging to the field of environment but its scope is much wider and should be

studied by marketers, architects, engineers and teachers. For instance: In a reported incident, a certain area was vulnerable to heavy storms. Not taking this into account, marketers placed heavy billboards on great heights that crushed people beneath them when the storm hit that area. Similarly architects could use materials that are resistant to such disasters. In this century where commercialization is at its height, the significance of environmental studies is quite evident.

Undoubtedly, as NVP representative at the event, I could say that there exists a dire need for such training workshops as they do not only create awareness but provide a framework that should be implemented in our surroundings in order to minimize risks by taking precautions and having a proactive approach, to have sustainable development, and to thrive as a Nation, well informed of climatic changes.

The workshop concluded with certificate distribution and refreshment for participants. There was much to take away by the attendees. We would like to express our gratitude to FNF for creating such a learning opportunity, and also to NVP partner institutions: Zindagi Trust, Street to School, Kiran Foundation and RLCC for being highly cooperative in this regard.



Learning + Community Service + Fun

Best Possible Combination



Committing to a shared activity together could be one of the best ways to make new friends and strengthening existing relationships.



Introducing **Haseef Sachwani, Mehar Ali, and Mazhar Manasiya**, students of Computer Science at reputable Universities. These young boys got acquainted with National Volunteer Programme a couple of months ago, witnessing their enthusiasm to volunteer, we connected with them to find out in terms of what moves them, identifying their interests and what do they expect from NVP? We found their interests to be similar and aligned with their academics. Fortunately enough, we had an opportunity at Society for the Rehabilitation of Special Children (SRSC) waiting for them. SRSC required volunteers to develop a website for them and as per our routine we assigned the group to the institution. What happened next is interesting..

Haseef, Mehar and Mazhar didn't know each other, they met there for the first time, and volunteered at similar position. It goes without saying that they had a Volunteer supervisor who was there to oversee things and direct the group, but these volunteers started interacting with each other and before you know it, they became friends. It was a pleasure for the supervisor to see the volunteers bonding instantly, saving her the hassle of introduction, she assigned all the three volunteers separate tasks of website development.

All three Interns self-organized themselves. Each one of them was responsible for a particular task. While the duties were assigned the team didn't leave any of its member high and dry, they kept coordinating and helped each other when required. Moreover, their interest peaked because the objective was in parallel with their academics.

"Since it was my first Internship, so I got a chance to work with a team of similar background to gain hands-on experience and polish my skillset" Mazhar Manasiya

"We had been learning in the classrooms, working at SRSC was the moment we applied that learning practically and it was a great experience" Haseef Sachwani.

"We have had times when we got stuck but our Volunteer Supervisor was always there to guide us through", Mehar Ali

Number of their skills were tested as they worked as a team, a practical application of academic knowledge, and finally also opened up networking opportunity as they developed the website for the institution and the organization was all praises.

After completion of assignment all three Interns expressed that they would want to volunteer again and build a long term affiliation with National Volunteer Programme, since through its platform they were able to help the community, harness their personal development, grow their network and make lifelong friends. The spirit rejoices with the proud feeling that we can make a difference and play our part in creating a just society.

www.srscpakistan.org
Institution's newly developed website by NVP Interns