

VOLUNTEERING ACROSS DIFFERENCES



Communities 1st

Working with you to make a bigger difference



Our differences can sometimes feel like barriers, but volunteering creates opportunities for people to connect, learn from one another, and discover strengths that enrich individuals, organisations and communities.

1. MORE THAN WHAT WE SEE



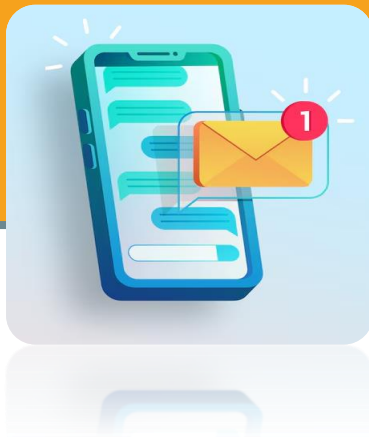


**WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT MAKES PEOPLE
DIFFERENT FROM ONE ANOTHER ?**



**WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT
CONNECTS US ALL?**





MESSAGE

**WE OFTEN NOTICE
DIFFERENCES FIRST, BUT
CONNECTION HAPPENS WHEN
WE LOOK BEYOND
THEM.**

2. VIDEO

3. THE LIVED EXPERIENCE JOURNEY





The Communities 1st bus doesn't run on gasoline—it runs on the energy and diversity of its people! Each participant will define what unique 'luggage' or 'co-pilot skill' they bring to the bus to make the journey a success.



Volunteering Creates Connection

What happened when volunteering began



¿ What was your first experience?



¿ What were your worries?



¿ Who helped you feel welcome?



¿ What surprised you?

Volunteering created a shared purpose.

Instead of:

Volunteer

Staff member

Asylum seeker

People became:

Team members

Colleagues

Friends

DISCOVERING STRENGTHS THROUGH CONNECTION





**CONNECTION HELPED US MOVE
BEYOND ASSUMPTIONS AND
RECOGNISE STRENGTHS WE MAY
NEVER HAVE NOTICED OTHERWISE.**

4. HIDDEN STRENGTHS



The engine of volunteering is often hidden because of our differences, but they are definitely the most important.



Impact on the volunteer



Impact on others



Impact on communities



**THE RIPPLE EFFECT
OF VOLUNTEERING**