

54th Annual DPI/NGO Conference

NGOs Today:
Diversity of the Volunteer Experience

MIDDAY NGO WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

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The Midday NGO Workshops are organized by the non-governmental organizations (NGOs) associated with the Department of Public Information (DPI). NGO representatives attending the workshops at the Church Center *may not attend* the workshops at United Nations Headquarters unless they are formally registered for the Conference and have been issued grounds passes.

Midday NGO Workshops
Monday, 10 September 2001
1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

NGOs Working Together: Gender Perspectives in Development

Sponsored by the Armenian International Women's Association (AIWA), the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, New York chapter and the Armenian General Benevolent Union New York Chapter
Conference Room A

Although a majority of volunteers seem to be women, to meet the overwhelming demands of all communities worldwide, NGOs can benefit greatly by relying on both men and women. Workshop panelists will share their experiences and recommendations regarding gender perspectives and volunteerism in promoting development.

Moderator: Mary Toumayan, Armenian International Women's Association, New York, USA
Speakers: Svetlana Aslanyan, President, Center for Development of Civil Society
Anahid Tavosyan, Tatev Psychological Support and Counseling Centre, Armenia

Online Volunteering: The Netaid Experience

Sponsored by Netaid
Conference Room C

A unique online volunteering program developed by Netaid and United Nations Volunteers (UNV) is changing how many NGOs draw support from the international community. Since its launch at www.netaid.org in October 1999, more than 150 NGOs have used the Internet to tap the skills and knowledge of several thousand volunteers for assignments in 49 countries.

Speakers: David Morrison, President, Netaid Foundation
Sharon Capeling-Alakija, Executive Coordinator, United Nations Volunteers

United Nations Affiliation

Sponsored by the Department of Public Information Non-Governmental Organizations Section (DPI/NGO Section)
Conference Room 1

Learn how your organization can support and participate in the work of the United Nations through association with the Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and through contact with Non-Governmental Liaison Service (NGLS).

Moderator: Paul Hoeffel, Chief, NGO Section, DPI
Speakers: Hanifa Mezoui, Chief, NGO Section, DESA
Barbara Adams, Deputy to the Co-ordinator, NGLS
Kay Greene, President, NGO/DPI Executive Committee
Renate Bloem, President, Conference of NGOs in Consultative Status (CONGO)

Programs for Women and Children Enriched by Volunteers

Sponsored by the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York (WBASNY), the International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) and the National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL)
Conference Room 7

This workshop will focus on the work organizations can accomplish in a variety of settings on behalf of women and children with the help of volunteers. Presenters will discuss international and regional perspectives, the mechanisms of successful volunteer operations, benchmarks to monitor implementation and the challenges and rewards of such programs.

Moderator: Christa Stewart, NAWL
Speakers: Denise Scotto, Esq., WBASNY & Chair, International Women's Rights Committee
Jane Barker, Safe Horizon, Inc.
Jackie Shapiro, Zonta International
Leslie Wright, World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts

A Dialogue on Best Practices for Volunteer Peace Workers

Sponsored by Peace Caucus/Peace Action
Conference Room 9

This workshop will discuss best practices for volunteers engaged in peacekeeping operations and in peace building between former adversaries in post conflict situations based on the experience of volunteers in the field. Serbian and Albanian members of the Kosovo Civilian Corps who cooperated with each other to keep the peace will participate.

Moderator: Pauline Cantwell, Convener, Peace Caucus
Speakers: Youssef Mahmoud, Director, Africa II Division, UN Department of Political Affairs
Enver Sehic, University of Zagreb, Croatia (invited)

Enhancing Volunteer Effectiveness through Technical Assistance and Training

Sponsored by Trickle Up Program, Inc. and the Campaign for the Earth Foundation
Church Center Chapel

This workshop will focus on ways that volunteers can increase their effectiveness by entering into partnerships, seeking technical assistance and participating in training programs. Volunteers and the programs in which they participate, such as poverty alleviation, both benefit greatly from such cooperative efforts. Workshop participants will also be invited to share their experiences.

Moderator: Susan Chambre, Author of *Good Deeds in Old Age* (invited)
Speakers: Laura Lopez, Deputy Director, Trickle Up Program
Frank O'Hara, Canadian Executive Service Overseas
Steven Pierce, Director, Bridging Leadership Program of Synergos Institute

Volunteers in Support of Education

Sponsored by the Working Group on Education, the NGO Committee on UNICEF
Church Center 2nd Floor Conference Room

This workshop will explore several aspects of the volunteer experience in education around the world: grandparents in the schools, youth volunteers and volunteers in the service of street children. The voice of youth volunteers will be included.

Moderator: Nancy Brown, Co-Chair, Working Group on Education
Speakers: Mary Socket, Kids Meeting Kids
Diane Skelton, Fourth World Movement
Eileen Bayer, Association for Childhood Education International

Partnering with Young Volunteers

Sponsored by World Council of Peoples for the UN and PEACEWAYS/Young General Assembly (YGA)

Church Center Boss Room (8th Floor)

This workshop aims to encourage the greater participation of young people in civic activities by exploring successful methods that can inspire them to become and remain volunteers at local and global levels. Speakers and the audience will exchange success stories and a list will then be compiled to guide new recruits.

Moderators: Yelena Ovcharenko, YGA, Russia
Elizabeth Nakano, Executive Committee, YGA, USA
Shamina de Gonzaga, World Council of Peoples for the United Nations

Speakers: Shirley Harmeson, Art of Living Foundation
Aftab Ahmed Khan, Kashmiri Youth Movement
Laurent Morel a l'Huissier, Youth Employment Summit
Edina Papp, Prime Minister of the Teenager Parliament, Hungary

Volunteers Needed to Teach Peace

Sponsored by Hague Appeal for Peace

Church Center 10th Floor Conference Room

To reach peace, we need to teach peace. Whether in the formal school setting or in the informal community sector, peace and human rights education can be taught by volunteers. Learn how volunteers can teach peace lessons and ways to advocate for peace education.

Moderator: Margaret Melkonian, former Executive Director, Alliance for Peaceful Alternatives
Speakers: Alicia Cabezudo, Argentina, Educator in Residence, Hague Appeal for Peace
Cora Weiss, President, Hague Appeal for Peace

Volunteer Neighborhood Associations and Community Programs

Sponsored by Catalonian National Federation of Retired Persons and Pensioners (Spain), American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the Salvation Army and the International Association for Volunteer Effort (IAVE)

Church Center Harding Room (11th Floor)

This workshop will focus on two unique programmes that can be replicated: (1) The Leadership Greater Hartford's Third Age Initiative identifies, develops and positions older adults to be effective volunteer leaders through self-assessment, skills training, and community action team projects; and (2) the Catalonian National Federation of Retired Persons and Pensioners (CNJPC) works with the Neighborhood Associations in Spain to help meet the needs and defend the rights of older citizens.

Moderators: Patricia Day, Member, NGO Committee on Aging
Vicenc Gil Castell, CNJPC
Speakers: Doe Hentschel, Third Age Initiative Program Director
(Panel 1) Brenda Kelley, AARP Connecticut State Director
Fannie Arnum and Lloyd Calvert, Program Participants
(Panel 2) Juan Manuel Velasco Garcia, President, CNJPC
Josep Luis Ruda Latasa, Coordinator, CNJPC

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Older Volunteers as Agents of Change: A Global Phenomenon

Sponsored by American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

Dag Hammarskjold Auditorium

By focusing on the contributions and changes older persons make in society, the support they provide to families and communities and the diversity of work older volunteers are undertaking in support of the International Year of Volunteers, this workshop aims to alter the image of aging from dependency to active contributors and participants in development. Film "Volunteering: A Gift of All Ages" will be shown.

Speaker: Tess Canja, President, AARP

Building Support for Volunteering, The Backbone of Civil Society

Sponsored by the International Association For Volunteer Effort (IAVE)

Conference Room A

A participatory exploration of how NGOs can work with the Universal Declaration in collaboration with other sectors to make volunteering a valued part of life throughout the world. Participants should be ready to sustain the momentum created by the UN's declaration of 2001 as the International Year of the Volunteers (IYV).

Speakers: Kenn Allen, World President, IAVE
Kathi Dennis, Executive Director, IAVE
Omar Faruk Chowdhury, Bangladesh, Center for Development Services, member, IAVE
International Board of Directors

In Defense of Human Rights Defenders

Sponsored by The Human Rights Caucus of the NGO Steering Committee to the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD), General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church and Peace Links

Conference Room 1

Realizing that human rights defenders, who are often volunteers, are frequently harassed, tortured or killed, the UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration on Human Rights Defenders in 1998 to protect and defend human rights workers on national and international levels. This workshop will discuss the Declaration's impact on the defenders' safety, effectiveness and willingness to serve.

Moderators: Anne Zanes, Peace Links, and Liberato Bautista, General Board of Church and Society
Speakers: Clarence Dias, President, International Center for Law and Development
Hina Jillani, Special Representative of Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders
(Invited)

Volunteer Educational Programs to Protect Migrants and Immigrants

Sponsored by Fundación Cultural Baur, A.C.

Conference Room 7

Immigrant minorities contribute to both the progress of civilizations and the economic development of countries. Speakers will evaluate the different activities and juridical mechanisms undertaken to defend the rights

and protect the dignity of immigrant minorities with the aim of stimulating discussion and formulating a volunteer educational campaign for their local, regional and international protection.

Moderator: Lic. Martin C. Olavarrieta M., Vice Chairman, Fundación Cultural Baur, A.C.
Speakers: Lic. Esteban Moctezuma Barragan, Director General, Project "Mexico" at UCLA
Lic. Humberto Hernandez Haddad, Former Senator and Mexican Consul in Texas

Working with the UN Agencies

Conference Room 9

Representatives of the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) Programme and other United Nations agencies will be present to answer questions on how volunteers and NGOs can affiliate with their agencies or participate in programs they sponsor. Informational materials on each of the agencies attending will also be available.

Philanthropy and Volunteerism

Sponsored by the Armenian Relief Society, Inc. (ARS)
Conference Room C

New Philanthropy Benchmarking (NPB) builds upon synergist collaboration of commercial sector benchmarking, progressive intersectoral strategies and contemporary financial market analytical tools. The power and attractiveness of NPB is its ability to enable passionate capitalists/philanthropists to multiply the impact of their resource investments - create value - relative to other similar social sector initiatives while minimizing risk exposure.

Moderator: Maryann Bonjuklian, Armenian Relief Society, Inc., NGO Representative
Speakers: Richard Williams, Adviser, United States Mission to the United Nations
Janet Haroian, Rotary Club, Alderman for the City of Edwardsville, Illinois
Maral Chalian, Project Coordinator, United Armenian Fund
Krissy Kazarian, Freshman, Bates College, Maine, United States

Volunteering: The Path of Joyful Service

Sponsored by The Values Caucus and The Spiritual Caucus
Church Center Chapel

This workshop will benefit those who seek to infuse the UN with positive energy and experiment with new ways of working with each other to promote the evolving goals of the UN. We will explore how volunteering expands resources and increases synergy when we take a service-oriented approach. Through both reflection and interaction we will share diverse experiences that can create win-win strategies.

Moderators: May East, Findhorn Foundation
Martha Gallahue, The National Service Conference of The American Ethical Union
Patrick McNamara, Association of World Citizens
Avon Mattison, Pathways To Peace
Speakers: Gordon Davidson, Center for Visionary Leadership
Nancy B. Root, The Center for Psychology and Social Change
Barbara Valocore, The Lifebridge Foundation

New Latin American and Korean Initiatives to Strengthen NGO Participation

Sponsored by Programa de Integración de Latinoamérica y del Caribe (PILAC), an Outreach Task Force of the Conference of NGOs (CONGO), and The Graduate School of NGO Studies, Kyung Hee University
Church Center Boss Room (8th Floor)

In this workshop, the Latin American group presents its experiences with volunteerism, networking, and exchanging services and ideas to create synergies and a regional support committee, a program other regions can replicate. As a follow-up to the 1999 NGO Seoul Conference, representatives from Korea will outline plans to create an NGO Complex in Korea designed to provide NGO services, strengthen civil society worldwide and serve as an international venue for cooperative interaction between NGOs.

Moderators: Adriana Telles Ribeiro, Conference of NGOs
Carl Schieren, Executive Director, Conference of NGOs
Speakers: Norma Gaveglio Estanto, President, Hispanic Women's Center (HACER) and
Executive Director, Latin American Women and Children Project
Luiz Orlando Rodrigues, Gran Fraternidad Universal
Remigio Maradona, Senior Institutional Advisement Specialist, World
Association of Former United Nations Internes and Fellows (WAFUNIF)
Liliana Estrella, Centro Educativo Bolivariano
Inwon Choue, Dean, Graduate School of NGO Studies, Kyung Hee University
Paul Hoeffel, Chief, NGO Section, DPI
Anselmo Lee, Secretary General, Pax Romana-ICMICA

Focus on Youth and the United Nations

Sponsored by the NGO Committee on Youth
Church Center 10th Floor Conference Room

This workshop will focus on events that occurred during the 2000-2001 year, present day issues facing youth and their implications for the future. Emphasis will be on volunteerism, the UN and associated groups. Issues raised in the Senegal Youth Forum and in the NGO Committee on Youth to be discussed include education, youth activists as global volunteers and the use of technology.

Moderator: David Brook, Chair, NGO Committee on Youth
Speakers: Maxwell Haywood, Youth Unit of the Secretariat
Kevin Ahearn, International Movement of Catholic Students, Pax Romana
Dan Skinner, Youth Activist/Internet Initiative

From the Drawing Board to Action

Sponsored by the Communications Coordinating Committee for the UN (CCC-UN), Global Futures Network, Millennium People's Assembly Network (MPAN) and Network Earth Village
Church Center Harding Room (11th Floor)

The People's Global Action Campaign is energizing volunteers to work to create a world of peace, justice, sustainability, human rights, corporate accountability and participatory democracy. Join us to discuss in small groups how the network of local to global People's Assemblies can help your organization achieve its goals.

Speakers: Sonia Leonce-Carryl, UN Minister/Counsellor of Saint Lucia
Harry Lerner, President, CCC-UN and Campaign for a More Democratic UN
Takehiko Uemura, Vice President, Network Earth Village

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Wednesday, 12 September 2001

1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Multigenerational Relationships, Roots and Branches

Sponsored by the NGO Committee on Aging and the NGO Committee on Youth
Dag Hammarskjold Auditorium

The NGO Committee on Aging and the NGO Committee on Youth will present an overview of the basic need for intergenerational concepts and understanding. Roots and Branches, an example of volunteers from older persons, and students from NYU Tisch School of Drama will perform "Lear and Now," a dramatic play about struggle and resolution. A dialogue will follow.

Moderator: Norma Levitt, World Union of Progressive Judaism
Speakers: Helen Hamlin, Chair, NGO Committee on Aging
David Brook, Chair, NGO Committee on Youth
Arthur Strimling, Director of Roots & Branches
Joan Beisel, International Public Policy Institute NGOs and Funding: Management Ethics

NGOs and Funding: Management Ethics

Sponsored by the International Organization of Experts and Japan Junior Chamber, Inc.
Conference Room A

Drawing on examples of success and failure, this workshop will focus on the essential ethical complements to funding projects run by volunteers and volunteer organizations. Speakers will analyze different types of funding and determine their objectives, the methods used to raise the funds and how to apply them in a rigorous, strict and transparent manner.

Speakers: Pierre J. Gire, Certified International Auditor; Technical Adviser, National Security Council of Gabon
Ryuichiro Tsuchiya, President, Japan Junior Chamber, Inc.

Women Building Better Communities through Partnerships

Sponsored by Soroptimist International
Conference Room C

Women's NGOs are a major force in addressing vital concerns in communities throughout the world. Women have long known that grassroots collaboration promotes sustainable solutions to community problems. This workshop will focus on successful NGO partnerships, the role of volunteer organizations and strategies that combine capital with compassion and expertise.

Moderator: Lois Sagel, International Representative Liaison for Soroptimist International
Speaker: Mordelia Gradowski, President, Soroptimist International of the Americas

Volunteers Celebrating the International Decade for a Culture of Peace

Sponsored by The Ribbon International and Pathways to Peace
Conference Room 1

Come share the joy volunteers experience as they use creative projects and the arts to inspire, involve and motivate peace-building. Learn how the General Assembly, UN agencies and NGOs plan to celebrate the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence for the Children of the world (2001-2010) and add your own exciting ideas for making the decade a success.

Moderators: Avon Mattison, Founder, Pathways to Peace
Michelle Peppers, Executive-Director, The Ribbon International
Speakers: H.E. Ambassador Anwarul Karim Chowdhury of Bangladesh
David Adams, Culture of Peace
Elizabeth Nakano, Young General Assembly
Deborah Moldow, World Peace Prayer Society
Robert Morgan, Artistic Director, Toronto Children's Peace Theatre
Bruce Cohen, International Director, Interns For Peace
Annelise Hansen, Executive Director, Kulturel Information & Koordination
Barbara Gathard, Projects Director, The Ribbon International

Volunteers Building Hope from Disaster

Sponsored by the International Institute for Sustainable Future (IISF) and Global Futures Network (GFN)
Conference Room 7

Volunteers are helping to repair earthquake damage in Gujarat, India by working with UN, community and governmental agencies as well as private firms. Projects provide housing, reforestation, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, water and sanitation facilities, as well as info-kiosks for access to education, health-care and Info-Communication Technologies. Learn how you, too, can participate.

Moderator: Rob Wheeler, IISF; North American Director, Hope from Disaster Project
Speakers: Rashmi Mayur, Director, IISF; President, GFN
Om Taneja, Director of UN Facilities and Energy Services (Invited)

Motivating Volunteers: Challenges for Global Outreach

Sponsored by the World Federation for Mental Health, the Armenian American Society for Studies on Stress and Genocide, and the Global Society for Nursing and Health, and the Armenian Assembly of America
Conference Room 9

Speakers will identify some factors that help direct and energize human behaviour and explain how these can be used to attract and maximize volunteer outreach efforts worldwide. An interactive dialogue will follow focusing on additional ways to encourage people to volunteer and identifying individual and cultural factors affecting volunteer behavior.

Moderator: Connie Vance, Professor, College of New Rochelle
Speakers: Y. Bulent Peker, Human Rights Association of Turkey
Arman Vardanyan, Mental Health Foundation, Armenia
Hripsime Kirakossian, Mission Armenia, Armenia

Educating, Teaching and Learning for Service-minded Citizenship

Sponsored by the NGO Committee on Education
Church Center 2nd Floor Conference Room

This interactive workshop will focus on volunteer service and education that raises consciousness for holistic human interaction as contributors to sustainable living. Illustrations from Latin America will be presented to stimulate discussion on useful, informal strategies for involving the entire community in education for volunteerism. NGOs will be invited to share their diverse experiences in this field.

Moderator: Donald W. Treimann, Vice Chairman, Rotary International and CONGO Committee on Education

Speakers: Marco Dessey, Rotarian Father, Founder, School of the Children of the Dump,
House of Santa Lucia-Home for the Blind, and Betania – The Trade School
Chinandega, Nicaragua
Frank J. Huezo, Rotarian, Coordinator of the above projects
Stephen Harris, Past Governor, Rotary International

Spirit and Destiny: Transnational Diversity in NGO Diplomacy

Sponsored by Pax Romana

Church Center Boss Room (8th Floor)

This workshop will focus on how to empower NGO diplomatic representatives to harness the five powers of NGO democratic diplomacy: (1) civic, real time, on the scene access; (2) NGO to NGO connectivity; (3) the freedom of non-embassy culture, creative self-determination; (4) freedom from the bureaucracy / complacency syndrome; and (5) the sui generis change-agent courage and vision.

Speaker: Maria St. Catherine Sharpe, Washington, DC NGO Diplomatic Representative for PAX
Romana; Specialist, Diplomatic Affairs, The American Academy of Diplomacy

Families as a Foundation for Volunteerism

Sponsored by the NGO Committee on the Family and the International Federation for Home Economics

Church Center 10th Floor Conference Room

As we embark on increasing volunteerism nationally and internationally, the NGO Committee on the Family and the International Federation for Home Economics is focusing on the important roles played by family members within civil society. This workshop will show how these family members and family related volunteer organizations interact to promote volunteering as a means of support, sharing and educating.

Moderator: Mary Miller, Co-Chair, NGP Committee on the Family

Speakers: Carmine Magazino, Managing Director, Big Brothers Big Sisters of
New York City

Juanita Mendenhall, Vice President for the AMericas, The International Federation for
Home Economics

The NGO Committee on Disarmament: A Resource for Volunteers

Sponsored by the NGO Committee on Disarmament

Church Center Harding Room (11th Floor)

The NGO Committee on Disarmament, which includes many NGOs active on disarmament and peacekeeping issues, invites interested volunteers to dialogue with us on how we, who are based at UN headquarters in New York, can help you strengthen your efforts to prevent war, eliminate nuclear weapons, reduce and control small arms and increase the peacekeeping capabilities of the UN.

Moderator: Ann Lakhdhir, VP for Program, NGO Committee on Disarmament

Speakers: Peter Davies, for International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA)

Lucy Webster and Tad Daley, for Global Action to Prevent War
