



Global Youth Service Day Project Ideas & Resources

Resource Links

Check out the following websites for tons of service project ideas that are geared towards youth:

www.dosomething.org

www.gotoservicelearning.org

www.ysa.org/resources

www.generationon.org

Mini-Project Ideas

While not a requirement of participation in the Kick-Off Party, Mini-Projects are a great way to introduce young people to service and make their interaction with your organization positive and memorable. Below are just a few ideas:

- Working to reduce landfill mass and pollution? Perform a demo on how to pack a zero waste lunch or how to create your own “green” cleaning products.
- Collecting cell phones or other items for your non-profit? Provide large boxes at the event for youth to decorate. Youth can register their box with you, let you know where and when they plan to drop it off and then pick it up and deliver the contents to you.
- Have a community garden or creating a new one? Have students learn about everything from soil testing to food justice while planting seeds to start their own crop or yours.
- Need to develop youth friendly educational materials for your organization? Talk to the youth about your agency and ask them if the information is easy to understand. Talk about ways your agency could get young people interested in your cause.
- Fighting Illiteracy? Work with youth to develop their own story books while learning about illiteracy in our community and why it’s important that everyone knows how to read and write.

Plan-O-Rama

Join us for the Global Youth Service Day Plan-O-Rama on **February 2, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** at the Hanover County Department of Social Services Meeting Room to develop your project ideas, listen to Jason Stanley, coordinator of the youth service initiative Leb Camp, share his expertise about effectively engaging youth volunteers, learn tips and tricks of the trade to get youth involved and excited about your project and team up with a youth advisor to ensure your project is youth friendly.

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