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## **New youth volunteering tools launch today**

Volunteer Canada, in partnership with Manulife Financial, today launched two new tools to support organizations working to engage youth volunteers and youth seeking meaningful volunteer opportunities. The tools are designed to address the barriers and opportunities to volunteer engagement outlined in the [Bridging the Gap](#) research report.

*Building Blocks for Youth Volunteer Engagement* is an interactive document geared toward parents and teachers, which identifies how adults can support young Canadians in their search for volunteer opportunities. The tool also features sections to support youth, including a self-assessment tool, which youth can use to identify their skills and interests, as well as how they may apply those skills to volunteering.

[Click here to view and download the \*Building Blocks\* tool on GetVolunteering.ca.](#)

*Engaging Youth Effectively: A Case Study for Volunteer Centres* details the stages involved in developing a youth community involvement strategy, based on a pilot project undertaken by the [Volunteer Action Centre of Kitchener-Waterloo](#). The model is intended for use by community-based volunteer centres. It outlines the key relationships needed to develop a robust youth engagement strategy as well as steps for implementing a similar program.

[Click here to view and download the \*EYE Model\* on Getvolunteering.ca.](#)

## **New Fact Sheet Identifies Behaviours and Characteristics of Youth Volunteer Involvement**

As part of the *Building the Bridge* campaign, Volunteer Canada has created a series of four fact sheets examining the behaviours and characteristics of four distinct demographic groups identified in the [Bridging the Gap](#) research report: youth, baby boomers, families, and employer-supported volunteers.

The latest fact sheet on youth volunteers was released today. The fact sheet identifies the unique characteristics of youth volunteers, and outlines barriers and opportunities to their involvement in communities nationwide.

[Click here](#) to view and download the youth fact sheet on GetVolunteering.ca.