



Volunteering

Person A

I've worked in a big multinational for 7 years, and I join a volunteering scheme every year. Last year we helped renovate a senior centre, and it was just great. It helps the people there. You see the value of your effort immediately. But also, it helps build a good team at your work place. You get closely together with people from other departments doing something that matters. It helps you build stronger relationships compared to, let's say, going out or lunch, for example.

Person B

I don't really see the benefits of this volunteering spree. All young people are now thinking of is going abroad, travelling the world. I don't believe they are taking the effort people like Doctors without Borders are doing seriously. They are just going along so that they can travel and get their expenses covered. Don't get me wrong, I think people should travel, but when they retire, not when they are young, and should be starting to work.

Person C

I worked for years in a big laboratory, and I felt empty, as if my work had no value. My boss appreciated what I did, but I felt I could do much more. So, I left my job and started working for a Charity. I get very little pay now, but the work we do is my reward. We help vulnerable single mothers who need medical assistance. You can't put a price on the feeling of doing what's right. Helping others, you help yourself.

Person D

I think volunteering should be mandatory for teenagers. It would help them get a better picture of society, and the contribution they can make to it. They are online most of the time and I think they don't get to see much of the sadness around us nowadays. When many of them finish school, they don't know what to do with their lives. I think that having an understanding of what society needs can help them design their future.

- a) Who would make volunteering compulsory?
- b) Who thinks young people shouldn't waste their time volunteering?
- c) Who thinks volunteering can help you make a better work environment?
- d) Who thinks not everybody appreciates the true value of volunteering?
- e) Who didn't feel fulfilled before?
- f) Who doesn't think your salary should be an issue when choosing your job?
- g) Who thinks volunteering can help you decide your future career path?