

UPEI SU Announces Launch of Volunteer List

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The UPEI Student Union is happy to announce the launch of the Volunteer List. The Volunteer List will work as a matchmaker for volunteering opportunities, pairing students with volunteering opportunities based on interests.

Nathan Hood, the UPEI SU Vice President Student Life, said that students had expressed a desire to participate in more volunteering opportunities. "There are always volunteering opportunities available," said Hood, "and we wanted to make sure that students were made aware of these opportunities, especially those opportunities that would be meaningful to them."

To participate in the Volunteer List, students will complete a form that details their interest areas, such as social justice or animal welfare. Organizations with a volunteering opportunity will be able to fill out a separate form, listing the interest areas that their opportunity will touch on. If there is a match in interest areas, students will receive an email with details about the volunteering opportunity that they have matched with.

Hood expects that off-island students in particular will greatly benefit from the Volunteer List. "Students coming from out-of-province or out of the country may not be completely familiar with the community, and thus they may not know where to look or who to approach to find volunteering opportunities," said Hood. "I'm hopeful that the Volunteer List will remove that barrier of unfamiliarity and make meaningful volunteer opportunities more visible and accessible to UPEI students, regardless of their background."

The UPEI SU would like to thank UPEI's Department of Information Technology Services and Systems for their assistance in the completion of this project. Students and community organizations that are interested in participating in the Volunteer List are encouraged to visit upeisu.ca/become-volunteer to access the forms.

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