



INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF VOLUNTEERS (IYV) 2001

Volunteers - bridging the gap

POSTER ART CONTEST

The International Year of Volunteers 2001

The UN General Assembly has proclaimed 2001 as the International Year of Volunteers. The premise underlying IYV 2001 is that volunteering benefits all aspects of life, be it social, political and economic spheres, and there is an enormous power behind the spirit of volunteerism that can be harnessed to fight poverty and injustice. As the world enters a new millennium it was felt timely to declare such a year to encourage volunteerism and promote an environment for the growth and more strategic use of volunteers. Through this year the world community strives for increased recognition, facilitation, networking and promotion of volunteer service worldwide.

The IYV 2001 Poster Art Contest

This contest aims to provide children with an opportunity to mark this year and publicise the vision behind the declaration of IYV. The contest invites young artists to create bold and colourful posters about the benefits of volunteerism on peoples' lives and think about ways to volunteer for the good of their communities. It is organised by the UNV Programme in partnership with the Ministry of Social Services & Housing Development for the Fishing Community.

Rules of the competition

- Design themes - depiction of the spirit of volunteerism, dana, shramadana, helping others working together, widening horizons, gaining skills, creating opportunity and social justice. Contestants are encouraged to develop their own ideas on benefits of volunteer service.
- The size of poster - no larger than 18"x24" and no small than - 8"x12".
- Material - crayons, paint, markers, coloured pencil, collage or other material
- Age categories 9-14 and 15-20 years can apply
- Name, age, age category, name of institution, grade (or occupation if not in school), address and tele no. have to be indicated in each entry.

First prize - 3,500/=, 2nd - 2,500, 3rd - 1,500/=, 3 consolation prizes Rs. 500/= each. Only finalists of the competition will be notified. The best hundred posters will be exhibited at Kala Bawana - National Art Gallery on 29th and 30th August 2001 and these applicants will receive a certificate. Drawings returned on request. Closing date - 6th August 2001. Send entries to :

UNV Programme, UNDP, No. 202-204

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2001 is the international year of volunteers - exchange ideas at <http://www.iyv2001.org>

Be part of your world - Volunteer !