



Change It Up

Young Emergency Management Volunteers

Do you want to make a difference in your organisation?

The Foundation for Young Australians and The Australian Emergency Management Volunteer Forum (AEMVF) are looking for young emergency management volunteers to participate in Change It Up.

Who: Emergency management volunteers aged 18–25

What: A two-day workshop experience, where you will develop an idea about how to better engage young people in the emergency management sector

Where: Australian Emergency Management Institute, Mt Macedon, Victoria

When: 2–4 April 2014

Change It Up is like nothing you will have ever done before. Over two and a half days you can expect to learn new skills, make new friends, meet new people and try new things. Change It Up will connect you with like-minded and passionate young people and will help you to network with influential members of the volunteering community. You will be inspired by guest speakers and lead important conversations about the future of volunteering in Australia. The final day of Change It Up coincides with the beginning of National Youth Week, where you will channel the message “our voice, our impact” when you pitch your idea to a panel of senior officials. There’s even an opportunity to be awarded funding to get your idea off the ground!



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Change It Up has made me wake up to the fact that I can make stuff happen. I have a voice and people want to hear that voice. And even if they don't, I can still shout. Change It Up helps you look round, stand up, do something good and say, “I'm proud of that”.

Sam Hasell, 17, Macedon Ranges

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Who are you?

Full name: _____

Address: _____

Date of birth: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Which emergency management organisation do you volunteer with? (please include name of club, brigade, unit etc.)

What is your role or position within the organisation?

If you could make one suggestion to increase the engagement of young volunteers in your organisation, what would it be?

What is the main idea or concept you would like to explore during the event?

Why would you like the opportunity to attend the Change It Up and Young Emergency Management Volunteers event?

We want to get to know you better so help us out by telling us 3 cool things about yourself!

1. _____



2. _____

3. _____

We want you to be supported through the application process. Please provide details of a referee from your organisation who can recommend your application:

Full name: _____

Role in organisation: _____

Phone: _____

Please fill out this form on your computer and email back to

Zoe Kenyon

zoe.kenyon@afac.com.au

OR, print this form and post to:

ATT: Zoe Kenyon

AFAC

Level 5, 340 Albert St

East Melbourne

Victoria 3002

Applications close 5pm Friday 28 February.

Have any questions about your application?

Check out the Q&A on page 4, it provides further guidance on how to fill in this form and the details of the event. If you're still unsure you can contact Zoe Kenyon at AFAC via email at zoe.kenyon@afac.com.au.

Thank you for taking the time and effort to complete this application.

Best of luck!

Zoe Kenyon

On behalf of The AEMVF and the Change It Up team



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Questions to assist you with your application

Q: When and where is the event?

A: The event will be held at the Australian Emergency Management Institute in Mount Macedon, Victoria, Wednesday 2nd April – Friday 4th April 2014.

Q: What does it cost to attend the event?

A: We will sponsor you to attend the event, which includes accommodation, meals and activities. We will also pay for your return airfare to Melbourne and transport to and from Melbourne airport to the event. You will need to organise your own transport to get to and from the airport in your capital city.

Q: What are you looking for in the applications?

A: We are looking for people who represent a range of young emergency management volunteers who are committed to making a difference. You are enthusiastic about youth engagement and have an idea about how to better engage young volunteers. For example, about bridging the gap between older and younger volunteers, how to better retain young volunteers, or how to attract more young emergency management volunteers. Your idea should be general, so it is applicable across different agencies in Australia and could be applied to broader strategic priorities.

Q: What does the event involve?

A: Change It Up is a workshop designed to help you develop your idea on how to engage young volunteers in emergency management. The workshop activities are designed to help you prepare to present your idea to senior officials at Pitch Up on the final day of the event. If you are selected to attend the event, a senior representative from your organisation will be invited to listen to you present your idea.

Q: Apart from attending the actual event, do I need to be available for follow up activities?

A: Yes. All participants will present their idea to a panel of senior representatives from the emergency management sector, who will award seed funding to the most viable proposal. There is an expectation that you will be able to dedicate some time to follow through with the development of your idea after the event. This ensures that you are able to get the most out of the event and demonstrates your passion to see your idea come to life.

Q: Who should I include as my referee?

A: Look for someone who works with you and holds a position of responsibility within your organisation, such as a leader, captain or coordinator. This person knows the volunteer work you do and is interested in your idea.

Q: What is the deadline for the application?

A: 5pm Friday 28 February. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by Friday 7 March.

Q: What happens after I submit my application?

A: Applications will be reviewed and shortlisted by the event hosting team and forwarded to your agency to assist in the selection process. Please note that we will pass on all applications to agencies so that they can hear about your great ideas and can follow up with you if needed.

Q: Who is the Foundation for Young Australians?

A: The Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) is a national, non-profit organisation dedicated solely to young people. FYA are relentlessly optimistic about all young people and their ability to be enterprising. They believe that they have the courage, imagination and will to create the change they want to see for themselves and their world. FYA want to see generations of future focused learners, enterprising changemakers and confident global citizens. Learn more about FYA at their website www.fya.org.au.