

# HOW TO... SKILLS-BASED VOLUNTEER

## STRATEGISE

Put on your strategic career planning hat and map out your goals by envisioning your resume 5-10 years from now, including titles and responsibilities.

Take some time to reflect on the specific skills, experiences, accreditations, and degrees you may need in order to get there. This exercise will enable you to consider the decisions and steps you take.

If advanced writing experience is necessary for the position you want three years from now, you better start writing now.

### QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

What are my professional goals?

What do I hope to see on my resume in 5-10 years?

What skills, experiences, and/or accreditations will I need to get there?

What are some steps I can take to prepare?

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## PERSONALISE

Think of a couple non profits whose work and mission has inspired and charged you to act. Identifying the values and causes you're most passionate about will increase your commitment and motivation.



What are some of my favourite non profits?

What social sector or area do they serve?

What makes their work impactful?

## CONNECT

Technology opens greater access to organizations and projects that are all over the world. The tool you choose to kick start your skill-based volunteering will depend on your bandwidth, expectations and goals.



How much time can I commit to a project?

Am I looking for an independent or team project?

Is nonprofit name recognition an important factor to me?