

EDYN'S MEMBERS

EDYN is a network of Christian voluntary service organizations, which is based on common goals, the readiness to support each other and the willingness to exchange volunteers with each other. The members are united by their common objectives, which are:



- To organise the exchange of volunteers
- To co-ordinate non-formal education and support for the volunteers
- To share experiences, learn from and support each other within the network
- To develop common standards and goals for Christian voluntary service
- To promote voluntary service within church, diaconia and society
- To advise churches, diaconias and church-linked organisations in setting up voluntary service programmes

VOLUNTEERING WITHIN EDYN

Understanding of voluntary service:

Volunteers help meet physical, mental and spiritual needs with respect for each individual's basic human rights. They recognise, respect and follow the directions of the host organisation's staff and supervisor(s) (at their placements).

Volunteers are to adapt their expectations and lifestyle to the local community, thus being respectful of these communities, their cultures and the faith traditions within which they serve.



Goals of voluntary service:

- To help individuals, groups and communities in need
- To further the causes of justice, peace and the integrity of creation
- To express faith through service

Learning objectives for the volunteers

During their service, volunteers undergo a process of learning and development. They are supported through seminars organised and offered by both the hosting and sending organisations. The objectives of each learning experience – in-service, individual and group learning – are to enhance the following:

- personal and spiritual development
- intercultural learning
- ecumenical learning
- awareness of social and political responsibility
- faith journey
- workplace skills
- communication and work skills within a group setting
- life and career discernment



