

Contributing to a sustainability society through Community Service

General Resources

Click on the links below to discover a variety of volunteer and community service opportunities to fit your interests.

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Local Organizations

The following are a list of organizations in the Long Beach and greater Los Angeles areas that work to promote a sustainable society and environment in various ways and offer volunteer opportunities for community members. Click on the organization name to visit their website.

Colorado Lagoon Restoration: Help with restoration, maintenance and re-vegetation efforts at the Colorado Lagoon while learning about local coastal ecology. Each event is led by FOCL naturalists and all necessary tools are provided. Wear closed toe shoes and sun protection.

Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program: The Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program is a community-oriented program focused on wetlands education, community building, and service-learning through stewardship and conservation activities. The program's mission is the long-term protection and enhancement of the Los Cerritos Wetlands, specifically the properties owned and managed by Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA).

Alamitos Beach Cleanup: Cleanups are the 4th Saturday of the every month from 10-11am. All supplies are provided as well as volunteer verification forms for those in need of community service hours.

Bolsa Chica Conservancy: Volunteers can participate in wetland restoration projects, or receive training to become a naturalist, a site monitor, or a host at the Bolsa Chica Interpretive Center.

The Compton Initiative (Just do Good): The Compton Initiative is a volunteer based non-profit that seeks to beautify the city of Compton through quarterly work projects such as painting homes, schools, churches, parks, murals and more.

Food Forward: This is a volunteer-powered, grassroots group of Southern Californians who are passionate about reconnecting to their food system, promoting issues of food justice, and making change around hunger in our community.

Habitat for Humanity: As a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian ministry, Habitat for Humanity works with and for people in need regardless of race or religion. Volunteers and supporters from all backgrounds are welcomed. Habitat has more than 1,400 local affiliates in the United States and more than 70 national organizations around the world. Together, the organization has helped to build or repair more than 800,000 houses and serve more than 4 million people worldwide.

Aquarium of the Pacific: As a non-profit organization, the Aquarium of the Pacific relies heavily on volunteer staff. Opportunities include adult volunteering, high school volunteering, family volunteering, and internships.

El Dorado Nature Center: Looking for a bit of nature in the middle of the city? Nestled between the San Gabriel River and the 605 Freeway, El Dorado Nature Center is an oasis of natural habitat, offering visitors the chance to escape the hustle and bustle of the urban environment. Volunteer opportunities include Earth Day Coastal Cleanup, 1st Saturday Stewards, Wetland Warrior Cleanup, and Adopt-a-Beach Program.

Long Beach Animal Care Services: The vision of Animal Care Services is to employ a proactive strategy of community engagement and enforcement activities to ensure that Long Beach and the region are safe for people and animals. Volunteers are needed to provide support for shelter animals and to educate the public about safety and humane treatment of animals.

Urban Community Outreach Drop - In Center: The Urban Community Outreach Drop-In-Center is a community center for homeless people and the working poor in downtown Long Beach. On Sunday afternoons, it provides hot, nutritious meals, access to the internet in a 16 station computer lab and a haven from the weather and the harsh conditions. Volunteers can help with food preparation, serving, and clean-up.

Long Beach Organic: The organization works to turn vacant urban lots that are publicly and privately owned into beautiful community gardens that are used for local and sustainable food production. Volunteers are needed to help raise funds, write grants and help in garden development.

Girls on the Run: The organization is an afterschool youth development program geared towards empowering third to eighth grade girls to be joyful, healthy and confident. Volunteers are needed to coach and mentor the girls. Coaches lead teams of 8-20 girls through games, activities and exercise. A commitment of 1 1/2 hours once or twice a week for about 12 weeks is required. The program takes place throughout Los Angeles County.

Comprehensive Child Development, Inc.: The organization provides high quality early childhood education and nutrition programs for low-income families and their children. Volunteers can help by sharing interests, skills and talents or by reading to the children. Board and committee positions are also available.

Long Beach Memorial: Long Beach Memorial hospital is always looking for new volunteers who are enthusiastic, qualified and committed individuals to provide compassionate support to patients, their families, and the staff. Volunteers step in as guest greeters, escorts, messengers, and companions.