

Weekly Career News

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FOCUS ON VOLUNTEERING

The following article has been taken from the My Career Match website and has been adapted for the Weekly Career News, <http://bit.ly/2k2LN9g>

Volunteering is the single most overlooked skill on resumes.

If you knew that as many as 86% of influencers believe that volunteering would make you more competitive among a pool of job seekers, wouldn't you make sure to put that activity front and centre on your resume?

If you are a student and are told that most scholarships are given to people who volunteer wouldn't you go out and volunteer?

If you are a student applying for entry to a university medical course and you're told that doing volunteer work in a hospital or aged care facility increases the chances of entry, wouldn't you volunteer?

According to the 2016 Deloitte Impact Survey there is a huge disconnect between how important it is to hiring influencers and how much candidates are leveraging their volunteerism to get jobs. Survey respondents found that only 30% of resumes list volunteering.

In the recruitment world of jobs and job seekers, recruiters are overwhelmingly in favour of volunteering as a professional development tool. Among the findings:

- 92% believe volunteering expands an employee's professional skill set
- 85% are willing to overlook resume pitfalls when an employee includes volunteering on a resume.
- 82% are more likely to choose a candidate with volunteering experience
- 80% believe volunteering is an effective way to boost leadership skills

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- 73% believe people who volunteer are more successful

On this last point a European study found young people's involvement in volunteer initiatives stimulates the development of creative thinking and the ability to quickly adjust in new situations, it forms tolerance for others' values, social sensitivity and an active civil stance - skills which can be capitalized on when both searching for a job and starting a business.

These skills make young volunteers much more successful on the labour market, compared to their peers, who lack volunteering experience.

One of the important conclusions from the study analysis is that there is a correlation between the skills young people acquire while volunteering and the skills employers look for.

For students having volunteer experience on their resume is extremely beneficial and an advantage over those who don't.

People choose to volunteer for a variety of reasons. For some it offers the chance to give something back to the community or make a difference to the people around them.

For others it provides an opportunity to develop new skills or build on existing experience and knowledge. Regardless of the motivation, what unites them all is that they find it both challenging and rewarding.

Resource Links

- Deloitte's 2016 Impact Survey: <http://bit.ly/2m5QuyM>
- How to find volunteer work, Youth Central, <http://bit.ly/1T6hG57>

Are you passionate about pursuing a career in fashion? Collarts is a private college located at Melbourne. From 2018 Collarts will be offering a new Bachelor degree in Fashion Marketing. If you dream of a career as a fashion brand manager, visual merchandiser, buyer, fashion blogger, wholesale account manager, stylist, fashion publicist, event manager or creative director, then a degree in Fashion Marketing is for you.

Students will be taught and mentored by industry experts who are currently working within major brands, fashion houses and ad agencies. They will learn about fundamental topics such as the history of fashion, styling, fashion merchandising, entrepreneurship, and marketing & PR. They'll also get a range of real-life industry experiences so that they are career-ready when they graduate. For information on the degree, go to <http://bit.ly/2Ae4LOE>

News from Monash University

- **Maths bridging program:** students who don't meet the Mathematical Methods study score requirements for entry into courses such as engineering, science and pharmacy can undertake a 16-day bridging program at Monash College. For information on dates and the program, go to <http://bit.ly/2wLiMAc>
- **What is it really like to study medicine, nursing or health sciences at Monash?** Read stories from students who are currently studying a health course at Monash and find out about their experiences and clinical placements, <http://bit.ly/2iU5IDI>
- **Science event for Year 11 and 12 students in 2018:** Offered by Monash Science and the Young Scientists of Australia, this three-day event includes workshops in biological sciences, chemistry, earth, atmosphere and environment, mathematical sciences, and physics and astronomy. Students will experience state-of-the-art teaching laboratories and explore their love of science by sampling a huge variety of research activities taking place right now. The program will run between Tuesday 16 to Thursday 18 January, at the Clayton campus. Please register for this event at <http://bit.ly/2c5RQ6U>

ATARs for health science courses across Australia: My Health Career has published Australia wide ATARs and selection criteria for several health courses:

- Dentistry, <http://bit.ly/2AANKRi>
- Dietetics, <http://bit.ly/2BrqpyS>
- Exercise Physiology, <http://bit.ly/2hXjx3L>
- Exercise Science, <http://bit.ly/2hXk4Tj>
- Medicine, <http://bit.ly/2z1AGsU>
- Midwifery, <http://bit.ly/2AgdaAS>
- Nursing, <http://bit.ly/2jqH3X4>

My Health Career also has developed videos about careers in several health fields such as physiotherapy, optometry and occupational therapy. They can be view at this link - <http://bit.ly/23jzykd>

What is the difference between physiotherapy and occupational therapy? Professor Susan Brandis from Bond University explains in this fantastic article, <http://bit.ly/2A9qsRq>

Career articles about Real Estate and Property from The Footnotes:

- What is property development?
- Why I chose property development
- Only 27 and the director of a property development firm
- Property economics at University of Technology Sydney
- Commercial property: A day in the life
- How to get a job in property development

You can read the articles at this link, <http://bit.ly/2n5L1t4>

New Bachelor of Applied Data Analytics at Australia National University: From 2018, students will be able to study this new degree. This is an exciting interdisciplinary course that will enable to you to solve some of the worlds toughest questions and future proof your career. Students can combine the degree with an area such as law, science, engineering, business or IT. To find out about the course, go to <http://bit.ly/2ztVGjh>

You can view a video about the degree at this link - <http://bit.ly/2n6GQNX>

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Latest career articles from Careers With STEM

- Fashion design and 3D printing – how fashion links with technology and coding, <http://bit.ly/2AbxiWW>
- IT careers at Microsoft – read about Michael O’Keefe’s journey, <http://bit.ly/2Bgs7BY>
- Big Data leads to big careers – learn about careers in data science, <http://bit.ly/2hMJMtC>
- Learn about bioinformatics – the perfect blend between computer science, maths and biology, <http://bit.ly/2AdE2Bg>
- Why analytical chemistry is an exciting career field, <http://bit.ly/2AbISC6>
- Helping people through a career in science, <http://bit.ly/2n9dU7W>
- Easy listening – top STEM podcasts for the Christmas holidays, <http://bit.ly/2A8BSoy>

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- **29 Nov – 1 Dec: ConocoPhillips Science Experience**, The University of Melbourne, Dookie campus, <http://bit.ly/1Wdh6oe>

DECEMBER

- **1: Graduate Exhibition and Parade**, Whitehouse College of Design, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/2y4cCzP>
- **3 - 17: Trinity Young Leaders Program**, University of Melbourne, Law and Justice, Science and Engineering, Sport Development and Management, <http://bit.ly/1Zu9RNm>
- **3 – 5: Hands on Monash Indigenous Summer Camp**, Clayton campus, contact Kristel Keleher at kristel.keleher@monash.edu

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DECEMBER

- **5 - 7: ConocoPhillips Science Experience**, Swinburne University, <http://bit.ly/1Wdh6oe>
- **12: Info Afternoon**, Academy of Design Australia, Collingwood, <http://bit.ly/2zkbGaW>
- **14: Open Days**, Holmesglen Institute, <http://bit.ly/1OSs5AP>
- **14: Open Day**, SAE Qantm, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/2xEEDKo>
- **17, 23: UMAT Medical Interviews Workshop**, NIE, Richmond, <http://bit.ly/2lwOgJt>
- **18: Change of Preference Information Session**, JMC Academy, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/1PvWdBT>

JANUARY

- **4 – 14: Filmmaking Summer School**, University of Melbourne, www.summerfilmschool.com/
- **6, 20: UMAT Medical Interviews Workshop**, NIE, Richmond, <http://bit.ly/2lwOgJt>
- **8 – 19: MU Student Union VCE Summer School**, University of Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/1NjTv31>
- **8 - 12: Champion College Summer Week**, Sydney, <http://bit.ly/2zuuFfR>
- **9, 11, 15: Keeper for a Day**, Werribee Open Range Zoo, <http://bit.ly/2n79TeZ>
- **10: Open Day**, JMC Academy, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/2pvHAJk>
- **15 - 24: ConocoPhillips Science Experience**, The University of Melbourne (15 – 17), RMIT (16 – 18), Marine and Freshwater Discovery Centre (22 – 24), <http://bit.ly/1Wdh6oe>
- **20: Open Day**, Collarts, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/2pM730A>
- **23 – 25: Summer Series** (Animation, Audio, Games, Film, Design), SAE Qantm, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/2ihb37j>