
Volunteer

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NCSDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000608 Version number: 1
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT CONCEPT
Admin status: SUPERSEDED Effective date: 01-SEP-03
Definition: A person who willingly gives unpaid help in the form of time, service or skills, through an organisation or group. The reimbursement of expenses in full or part (eg. token payments) or small gifts (eg. sports club T-shirts or caps) is not regarded as payment of salary, and people who receive these are still considered to be voluntary workers. People who receive payment in kind for the work they do (for example, receiving farm produce as payment for work done on a farm, rather than cash) are not considered to be volunteers. An organisation or group is any body with a formal structure. It may be as large as a national charity or as small as a local book club. Purely ad hoc, informal and temporary gatherings of people do not constitute an organisation. Persons on Community Service Orders and other similar volunteer work programs should be excluded from surveys.
Context: Voluntary work is an important contribution to national life. It meets needs within the community at the same time as it develops and reinforces social networks and cohesion.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype:
Related metadata: relates to the data element Full-time equivalent volunteer/unpaid staff version 1
 relates to the data element Hours per week - volunteer/unpaid staff version 1
 relates to the data element concept Informal carer version 2
 has been superseded by Volunteer version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: Australian Bureau of Statistics. 1996 Voluntary Work, Australia.
Catalogue No. 4441.0. Canberra.

Source Organisation: Australian Bureau of Statistics.
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NCSIM Service provider role (agency)

Data Agreements which include this Data Element
