

# RUSSELL COMMISSION

## THE RUSSELL COMMISSION ON YOUTH ACTION AND ENGAGEMENT

### CONSULTATION DOCUMENT QUESTIONNAIRE OCTOBER 2004

The questions in this pull out section can also be found at the end of chapters two, three and four of the consultation document.

If you need more space to answer any of our questions, please continue on a separate sheet of paper. Make sure you mark all separate sheets with the number of the question you are answering and ensure that additional papers are secured to the main answer sheet.

#### INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION

In order to help us monitor responses to the consultation, please complete the details below.

**Organisation name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please tell us how you heard about this consultation (please tick relevant box)**

**Russell Commission website**

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#### CHAPTER TWO

#### ENGAGING INTEREST

Q1 What services are required by organisations to enable them to communicate more effectively with young people about volunteering?

Q2 How could the media help to encourage more young people to volunteer?

## **ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

Q3 What more could be done by existing networks and services to signpost young people to volunteering opportunities and provide them with advice and support?

## **BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION**

Q4 How can we ensure that more young people with disabilities gain access to volunteering opportunities?

Q5 What changes to the benefits system would make it easier for young people to volunteer?

Q6 What do you think of the idea of young volunteers receiving an allowance towards placement costs (e.g. travel and subsistence), which they could 'redeem' at their host organisation?

## **CHAPTER THREE**

### **THE RANGE OF VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES**

Q7 What do you think are the major gaps in volunteering opportunities for young people?

Q8 What could be done to increase the number of volunteering opportunities for young people in the public sector?

Q9 Should we seek to create opportunities for volunteering and/or internship type placements within the corporate sector?

Q10 What do you think of a scheme to create more full-time opportunities along the lines of the AmeriCorps model?

Q11 What could be done to enable more young people currently under represented in volunteering to get involved?

Q12 What could be done to increase the number of youth-led volunteering opportunities?

**THE QUALITY OF VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES**

Q13 How could we introduce a youth involvement quality 'kite mark' for organisations, building on existing quality frameworks?

Q14 How can we enable young people to be at the heart of driving up the quality of volunteering opportunities?

**BUILDING CAPACITY**

Q15 How can we build the capacity of organisations (through training, toolkits, and the dissemination of best practice, for example) to provide better opportunities for young people?

Q16 What should the role of government be in encouraging youth volunteering? Should Government seek to run programmes directly, or should it adopt a more enabling role, through the provision of funding and policy guidance?

**CHAPTER FOUR**

**ACCREDITATION AND EMPLOYABILITY**

Q17 Do you think there should be stronger links between awards for volunteering and academic / vocational qualifications?

Q18 Is a national framework for the accreditation of volunteering the most appropriate way to accredit learning and achievements, or is there a better alternative?

Q19 How could employers be more actively engaged in understanding and recognising the value of volunteering?

**INCENTIVES, RECOGNITION AND REWARD**

Q20 What are your views about financial incentives for young volunteers? For example educational credits for course fees and loans, or additional pay increases for employed volunteers, linked to volunteering achievements?

Q21 What are your views about a single 'Oscar' style national award to recognise and celebrate youth achievements?

Q22 What are your views on a loyalty card (or travel discount card) where volunteering points are earned and exchanged for discounts on goods and services?

**MEASURING THE OUTCOMES**

Q23 How can we measure the impact, in particular the wider community benefit, of young people's volunteering more effectively?

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**Please return your responses to: Russell Commission Review Team, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Allington Towers,  
19 Allington Street, London SW1E 5EB.**

**Your comments should be received by Friday 31 December 2004.**

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