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### **Young peoples' views sought for Committee's inquiry into volunteering and unpaid work placements**

The Committee on Children and Young People has progressed its current inquiry into volunteering and unpaid work placements among children and young people and has, to date, received submissions from volunteer organisations, relevant peak bodies and government agencies. The Committee now turns its attention to seeking the first-hand views of young people.

"The best way for the Committee to make informed and meaningful recommendations to encourage more young people to become involved in volunteering is to hear directly from young people themselves," the Chair of the Committee, Mr Mark Coure said.

Mr Coure continued, "The Committee wants young peoples' input on what attracts them to volunteering and what factors make volunteering and other unpaid work valuable to them and a worthwhile use of their time and energy."

"The Committee also wants young people to tell us about the things that can be done to ensure that volunteering opportunities and unpaid work placements are conducted safely and in their best interests."

"Having your say can be as simple as writing a short paragraph expressing your views, and I would strongly encourage any young person with an opinion or an interest in volunteering to get involved," said Mr Coure.

More information about the inquiry and the Committee on Children and Young People can be found on the Committee's webpage at [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/children](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/children).

Submissions can be lodged online, e-mailed to [Childrens.Committee@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Childrens.Committee@parliament.nsw.gov.au), or mailed to: The Inquiry Manager, Joint Standing Committee on Children and Young People, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

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