

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings and welcome to our newsletter, a monthly update on what UNV Sri Lanka is doing in promoting volunteerism for peace and development.



Newsletter

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The Global Cultural Jamboree with Scout Sri Lanka

: Fostering Dialogue on Volunteering in the Decade of Action



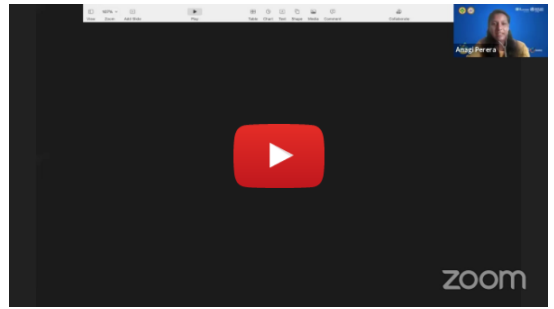
During the **Global Cultural Jamboree** organized by the **Scouts Sri Lanka** held from **16th July to 18th July**, the **UNV** along with partner agencies **UNDP, UNICEF, WHO** and **UN Women** led seven knowledge sharing sessions on the importance of the Sustainable Development Goals and promoting volunteerism to accelerate achieving the 2030 agenda. Eight UN Volunteers were engaged in moderating and leading sessions by sharing their knowledge and experience.

With over a 42,000 viewership in the 'Community Volunteer Center', the scouts actively engaged in promoting social cohesion fostering dialogue on the importance of youth empowerment throughout all the sessions.

Watch the webinars again!



Webinar 1. Volunteering in the Decade of Action



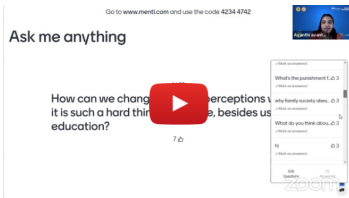
2. Wellbeing and Sustainable Consumption



3. Climate Change



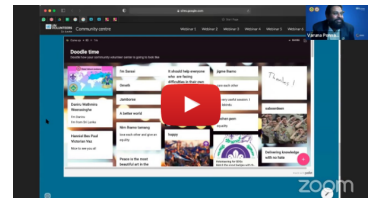
4. Diversity, Inclusion and Peace



5. Understanding Gender Equality



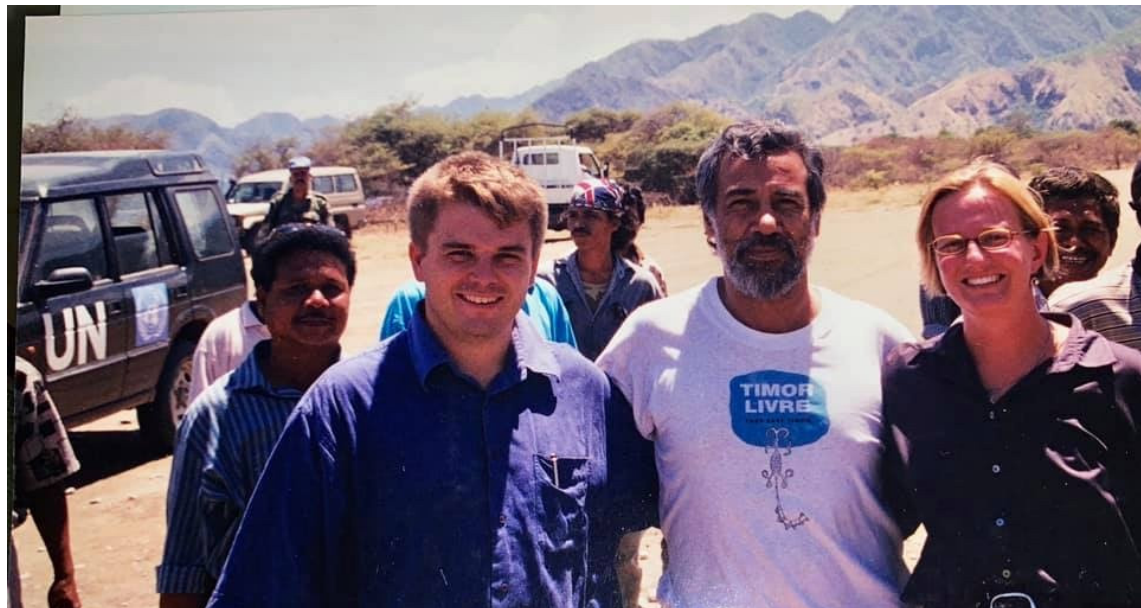
6. Bridging the Digital Divide in Education



7. Introducing Service Learning Scholar and Community Volunteer Centers

The Story of a Former UN Volunteer

: The Inspiring Journey of Edward Rees



Edward Rees is the Peace and Development Adviser at the Office of the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Sri Lanka. He serves with the Joint Programme on Conflict Prevention of the UN Development Programme (UNDP) and the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA). Edward shares his story of how he began his career with the United Nations as a UN Volunteer, his journey thus far, and advice to young people and those with a passion to volunteer.

[Read more](#)

Welcome to the UNV Family

“I am really glad to have the opportunity to support UNDP as a UN Volunteer for the Maritime Disaster Assistance Project. I look forward to learning as much as I can from this experience and positively contributing towards the Project.”

Thevuni Halangode
Project Coordination Assistant - Maritime Ecological
Disaster Assistance Project – UNDP



"I am excited to be working with UNDP as a Data Associate. I am interested in working towards SDG 16 - Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions and look forward to furthering my skills during my time here."

Salma Razick

Project Data Associate – UNDP

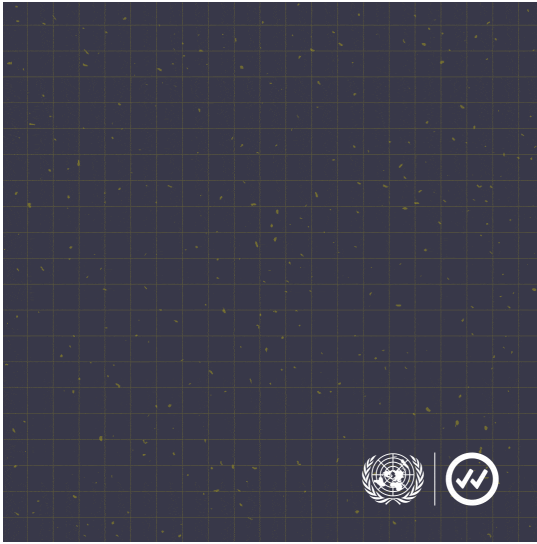


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