Dear colleagues and partners,

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



Our Project

The Next YCLI Training is Coming Soon!



The second training of the Youth Community Leadership Initiative (YCLI) programme is scheduled from 9th to 16th March. The YCLI programme provides a space for youth to enhance their competencies in building sustainable, just and peaceful communities through volunteer action.

The YCLI is a 12-month fully-funded leadership programme, which comes under the project titled 'Youth Participation and Engagement for a Healthier, Equitable, Safer and United Sri Lanka' implemented by World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Volunteers (UNV) in collaboration with the National Youth Services Council (NYSC).

Stories to Inspire

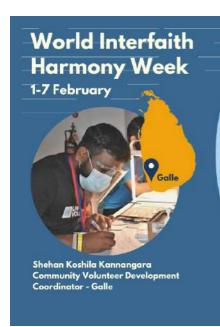
Community Volunteers Building Bridges across Boundaries



"Sri Lanka is a multi-cultural and multi-ethnic country where harmony among people from different backgrounds should be encouraged. As a UN Volunteer serving the community, I engage communities to understand how each religion can contribute towards social cohesion. Through volunteering, these communities celebrate each other's religious festivities to foster cross-cultural understanding among diverse groups. I am glad that I can be part of these volunteer efforts, contributing to harmony and social integration in these communities."

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On World Interfaith Harmony Week (1-7 February), the UN Volunteers based in different locations of the country talked about how and why they are promoting social integration and cross-regional understanding among diverse communities. Currently, seven UN Volunteers are serving as Community Volunteer Development Coordinators who will establish Community Volunteer Centres in different regions of Sri Lanka to build a sustainable, just and peaceful society through volunteer action. They are engaged in helping young people embrace diversity to bring more inclusivity to their communities.

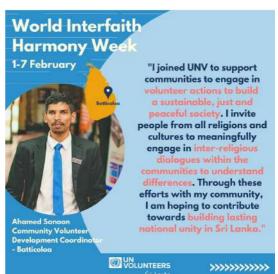


"As a young person, I have been leading my community through meaningful volunteer engagement to promote inter-ethnic relationships. Through this UNV assignment, I am looking forward to working with the civil society, volunteering groups and volunteers, building partnerships, especially among young people from multi-ethnic, multi-religious communities who are volunteering to bring positive change.

I believe that young people are the future and together with them we will mobilize our communities to achieve sustainable development and peace."

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