

**NAME:**

**OBJECTIVE**

There is no set meaning of volunteering. People volunteer for many different reasons. Very often what volunteering means to you depends on your personal circumstances. This game aims to help people engaged in volunteering to reflect on their personal experiences of volunteering and to share these experiences with other people.

**HOW TO PLAY**

- This game can be played by 2+ people. A large group can be split into sub-groups of two or three players each.
- Write your name on your sheet, then please use a pen/pencil to rate how important each of the **Nine Meanings of Volunteering** is for you by filling in the spaces in the diamond ranking, which are marked 'Most Important' to 'Least Important'.
- **There are no right or wrong answers.** It's important that each player reflects on their individual understanding of volunteering. The main aim of the game is to share experiences.
- Once all players have filled in their own diamond, swap sheets with another player in your group.
- Look at the diamond ranking on your partner(s) sheet and compare their answers to your own.
- Discuss with your partner(s) *why* each of the **Nine Meanings of Volunteering** are more or less important to them. If possible, try to use examples from your own life and/or volunteering experience.
- For **Final Discussion instructions**, please turn over this sheet.

**NINE MEANINGS OF VOLUNTEERING**

- Helping the community
- Developing your skills or career
- Coping with personal challenges
- Earning some income
- Having fun and making friends
- Advocating for change
- Building connections
- Getting recognition from others
- Spending your free time

## FINAL DISCUSSION

Once all players have discussed their ratings (and experiences), you can use this **Scoring Sheet** to calculate which meanings of volunteering were 'Most' and 'Least Important' to the larger group. Nominate one player to read the **Nine Meanings of Volunteering** and ask players to vote on which meanings they placed TOP (most important) and BOTTOM (least important). Count the votes and record them on the **Scoring Sheet**. You can then discuss why these meanings were more or less important to the group.

<b>SCORING SHEET</b>	<b>How many people played this in the TOP of the diamond (the most important)</b>	<b>How many people played this in the BOTTOM of the diamond (the least important)</b>
Helping the community		
Earning some income		
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## FEEDBACK

If you would like to share your reflections or any feedback about the game (or just say hi to the research team!), please send an e-mail to: [contact@ryvu.org](mailto:contact@ryvu.org)

**Thank you!**