

## *Volunteering in Addressing the UN Sustainable Development Goals*

The UN is known as one of the major leadership hubs in the modern world which deals not only with problems which are vital for the higher political authorities but also for common people all around the globe. To my mind, it is infinitely preferable to involve citizens in global decision-making process, especially the younger generation. Volunteering can become a very effective tool in solving urgent problems, especially when it happens under the leadership of such well-established and respected organization as the UN. Unfortunately, volunteering in Russia still seems to be underdeveloped and not as widespread as in other countries. That is why it is highly important to make others aware of the problems and convince everyone that we can achieve great results if we start to act ourselves and not wait for “top-down” solutions.

I have started to think more and more frequently about what would be the best direction of volunteering activity in which I can develop. I have already participated in blood donorship and would like to try something new. However, I feel that I lack information about major volunteering organizations and volunteering methods. For this reason I am eager to participate in volunteering winter school and learn about how I can contribute to development of cities, healthcare and education.

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