

# Youth Challenge Australia – Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy

**Empowering Youth. Supporting Communities.**





The core programs of the Janaagraha placement include:

● **Bala Janaagraha:** The Bala Janaagraha is a citizenship education program focused on moulding children into responsible citizens. It attempts to empower children with the knowledge, skills and values necessary to develop a deep sense of ownership and responsibility toward their society. Volunteer participation is vital to Bala Janaagraha's success and crucial in implementing the program's activities. Volunteers:

- Guide the children with their civic project duties
- Participate in class room sessions - teaching, interacting and assisting the children in discussions
- Organise events such as the civic exhibition

● **Yuva Janaagraha:** Yuva Janaagraha functions on the belief that today's youth are tomorrow's leaders. A genuine interest and willingness to become involved in civic and social issues needs is instilled in them. Yuva runs a wide range of youth-based activities including local government experiences, education-based college workshops and neighbourhood programs. Accordingly, there are lots of opportunities for volunteers varying from project managers, design volunteers, training facilitators and speakers corner facilitators (free speech forums).

● **Citizen Awareness Program (CAP):** The CAP program is focused on informing citizens on the importance of engaging within their local community and providing knowledge on Government mechanisms.

● **Volunteer Appreciation Event:** YCA volunteers will prepare for an annual volunteer appreciation event for local volunteers to Janaagraha, and to promote volunteerism throughout Bangalore.

● **Communications:** YCA volunteers may be involved in writing articles, reporting on events, making short films, updating the Janaagraha website and other communication initiatives.

● **Ward Infrastructure & Services Assessment (WISA):** Janaagraha's unique WISA program aims to ensure government decision-makers receive the right information. This will be done by assessing the quality of life of an urban citizen through ward (local council) studies on public goods delivery and objective infrastructure and service indicators. 7 main urban indicators will be focussed on: Mobility, Water, Electricity, Public Health, Public Safety, Public Amenities and Environment & Ecology. Volunteers can contribute to this program by working as ground-level data surveyors, project facilitators, research associates or urban planners.



● **Jaago Re! One Billion Votes Campaign:** This ambitious campaign seeks to awaken the youth of India to the importance of exercising their right to vote and their potential influence. Like other Janaagraha program's the One Billion Votes Campaign relies heavily on volunteer support and the roles they fulfil. Volunteering areas have greatly varied from research, surveys to website design and development to project mentors, city team members and facilitators.

● **CityConnect:** Bangalore City Connect is a non-government organisation comprised of Bangalore-stakeholders, such as Janaagraha, interested in lobbying the government for the improvement of infrastructure and development. You can contribute towards developing resources on infrastructure or conduct mobilisation drives to get the youth to register to vote. Additionally there's the option to teach children, work on branding and communications, engage in research and reporting in the areas of public policy, among many others.

● **IT:** Janaagraha is always looking for motivated individuals interested in social awareness and keen to help out. If your only experience is in IT, Janaagraha will still have a place for you to help. There are numerous ways you can assist the organisation such as by updating the centre's website, improving their current layouts or systems or focus on administration and other communication initiatives