



Latest from Youth Leaders

With the festive season just around the corner, now is the perfect time to reflect on what we have achieved during 2021. For the National Youth Council, one of our favorite accomplishments would be having an unforgettable National Youth Involvement Month (NYIM). Over 200 Clubs and individuals filled out our interest form this year and almost 40 events were hosted throughout the month, all of which were recognized during our recent NYIM Celebration.

Now is also a great time to think of how you can continue engaging with the Red Cross mission. One way to do so is by [attending our Crash Course Call](#) on December 19 at 7:00 p.m. ET. Another available opportunity is the 2022 IHL Essay and Art Competition. This year's challenge is to craft a thoughtful essay or art piece about the importance of preserving and protecting cultural property during armed conflicts. Review the [competition rules here](#) and be sure to submit your entry to [IHL Youth](#) by January 28, 2022.

As you know, the American Red Cross will require all volunteers with in-person assignments and activities to receive their final vaccine dose on or before January 3, 2022 to continue working on January 4, 2022. Please record your status and uploading your supporting documentation now by [logging in to Volunteer Connection and completing the vaccination status form](#). Here is a [tip sheet](#) to walk you through the steps. This information is critical to helping us ensure you can continue in your current roles and activities.

Otherwise, we wish you a merry holiday season and a happy New Year!



The Five Cs

The 5 Cs are the key values that Red Cross volunteers strive to embody every day. We aim to be **Compassionate, Creative, Collaborative, Credible** and **Committed** while supporting the Red Cross mission. By implementing these guiding principles into our everyday lives, we not only become better people, but also help the communities around us. Furthermore, we bring ourselves a step closer to forging meaningful connections, touching lives and solving the problems around us. Learn more about the Five Cs [here](#).

Expand Your Knowledge

Youth Volunteer Spotlight: Arinjoy (AJ) Das



AJ, a member of the Arizona and New Mexico Region's Diversity and Publicity Committee, created a fire safety video for San Juan County that was awarded an \$18,000 grant.

When Arinjoy (AJ) Das's local chapter leader reached out to him about creating a fire safety video for the Red Cross, he was more than on board. As a passionate videographer and Red Cross volunteer, he saw this project as a great way to intersect two core aspects of his life. "When I'm armed with a camera, I can bring into the spotlight stories of values and compassion and revelations of struggles and triumphs. This time, the story would be on the importance of fire safety.

The editing process was simple: AJ made a montage of relevant photos and overlaid it with a voiceover. He was thrilled at how it all came together, and so was his county – his finished video received an \$18,000 grant and is now in the works of becoming public.

AJ advises other volunteers looking to engage with the Red Cross mission in creative ways to "use your passion for a good cause. There are no limits on how you can go about it, as long as you're able to impact your community in a positive way."

Amazing work, AJ! We wish you the best of luck on your role with the Diversity and Publicity Committee and on your budding Red Cross journey.

Universal Human
Rights Month



The National Youth Prep team is creating an educational program for middle and high school students about wildfires and how they are being impacted by climate change. The program will be led by either Red Cross volunteers or Red Cross Club members. We are looking to create something that will appeal to a new age group while empowering students to take action to protect their communities. However, we want *you* to have a say in how this program is structured so we can ensure that our content is relevant and age-appropriate. Please consider taking [this quick survey](#) to share your thoughts and advice with us. Thank you!

What is YouthWire?

Created by your National Youth Council, YouthWire is a monthly e-newsletter containing important Red Cross youth volunteer opportunities, stories, and resources for youth, young adults and youth champions! We are always looking to highlight great stories and want to hear what awesome things are happening in your region!

Let us know what's new for you!

Questions about youth volunteering with the American Red Cross?
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Share this newsletter with your peers and friends or have them email YouthInvolvement@redcross.org to **subscribe to our newsletter.**

Log Your Hours on Volunteer Connection!

The time you spend volunteering is critical to the American Red Cross. It is important that volunteer hours are submitted through Volunteer Connection so that they can be tracked as part of the overall mission.

Help us tell the story of the incredible impact of youth & young adults have by logging your hours today! Use this helpful [tip sheet](#) to walk through how to submit your volunteer hours on [Volunteer Connection](#)!



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December is Universal Human Rights Month, a period for people to unite in standing up for the rights and dignity of all individuals around the globe. As an organization, December is a time to stand in solidarity against persecution on the basis of race, sex, gender, religion or other statuses. Below are resources and activities you can participate in to get involved.

- Fight against discrimination by taking one of our many [EDGE trainings](#). During these courses, learn about finding common ground with those around you in order to reduce the turmoil around the world. By learning about and acknowledging what separates us, one works towards protecting our freedoms, dignities, and rights.
- Advocate for human rights across the nation by getting involved in an [International Humanitarian Law Campaign](#). During this activity, learn and educate others about the rules of war that keep societies and infrastructures safe and protected.
- Celebrate December 10th, Human Rights Day, by hosting a [Youth Diversity Pledge](#). During this event, help stand up for human rights by embracing the differences within our communities.
- Read the [United Nations Declaration of Human Rights](#) to understand the over 70 set standards for human rights across the globe.

December Fundraising Highlights



Do you want to continue aiding communities during this Season of Giving? Help out the Red Cross this holiday season by participating in our [Hope for the Holidays Campaign](#). By launching a virtual fundraiser on [Tiltify](#), you can provide relief to disaster survivors, hospital kits to veterans, or financial support for our lifesaving network of blood.