

## 2.6 Raising awareness about youth volunteering opportunities

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## **Information providers**

The main information provider is the “[Plateforme francophone du volontariat](#)” (French-speaking platform for volunteering). This body is recognised and funded by the service of Continuing Education of the Ministry of the French-Speaking Community. This association has a dedicated website where volunteers can find all kind of information such as finding a voluntary activity or volunteering associations, etc. The association targets person of any age who wants to undertake a voluntary activity.

The International Youth Office is the main body to provide information to young people about volunteering programmes abroad. They work closely with young people and specific target groups to help them in the realisation of their volunteering project. The International Youth Office has a website and a helpdesk where young people can receive direct information.

## **Key initiatives**

There are no main initiatives to disseminate information on youth volunteering activities. Recognised associations are responsible for their own campaign and awareness raising actions.

Besides, initiatives are taken at local level. For instance, the Province of Liege organises every year since 2008 the “[Salon des volontaires](#)” (Volunteering Fair) to foster the meeting between volunteers and associations.

The European Year of Volunteers 2011 developed many initiatives to promote volunteering in general. The city of Namur organises since then “[Rencontres Namuroises du volontariat](#)” (Namur Meeting of volunteering). The 5<sup>th</sup> edition will take place in 2016.

Volunteering associations are free to target specific group of people. There are no official recommendations.