

## 2.6 Raising awareness about Youth Volunteering opportunities

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### Information providers

The top-level public body with the aim of information provision is The Deputy State Secretariat for Civil Society within the Prime Minister's Office ([Miniszterelnökség](#)) and its Division for Civil and Social Consultation. They maintain the Civil Information Portal ([Civil Információs Portál](#)) and the network of Civil Public Service Centres ([Civil Közösségi Szolgáltató Központok](#)).

The role of the New Generation Centres ([Új Nemzedék Központ Kontaktpont-irodahálózat](#)) regarding youth volunteering is also notable. Within the framework of the New Generation Reloaded ([Új Nemzedék Újratöltve](#)) programme, 20 New Generation community spaces ([közösségi terek](#)) were opened all over the country. Since then, these community spaces were terminated ([megsz?ntek](#)) but the youth professional work is ongoing in the counties.

On one hand, the Volunteer Portal ([Önkéntes Portál](#)) provides useful, practical and up-to-date information about volunteering for volunteers and those interested in it. On the other hand, it ensures that those who want to volunteer find easily and quickly the volunteering opportunities that are best suited to their individual ideas. Also, the host organisations can advertise their current volunteer opportunities.

### Key initiatives

## **New Generation Award**

Besides the initiatives mentioned above, the initiative of the New Generation Award ([Új Nemzedék Díj](#)) started in 2016 should be noted.

'The general aim of the award [[a díj alapvető célja](#)] is to draw attention to the fact that there are such innovative initiatives based on cooperation and volunteering which address young people and can be realised with their involvement.

A project of an organisation or an informal group is evaluated according to the relevance of the following 3 main topics: innovation, cooperation and volunteering.'

In 2020, this award is renamed to Elisabeth Novum Award ([Erzsébet Novum Díj](#)) and it is managed by the Elisabeth Youth Fund ([Erzsébet Ifjúsági Alap](#)) but the aims of the Award did not change.

## **72 Hours Without Compromise**

A yearly event directly funded by the Ministry of Human Capacities ([Emberi Erőforrások Minisztériuma](#)) and organised by Christian churches is the action called '[72 Hours Without Compromise](#)'. During the event groups of young people engage in voluntary activities with

- social,
- ecological or
- developmental aims.

In 2018, 9 000 young people participated in the action. (For details about funding, please see sub-chapter [2.4 Youth volunteering at national level.](#))

## **Pro Voluntarius Award**

In accordance with the action plan of the [National Volunteer Strategy](#), the Pro Voluntarius Award ([Pro Voluntarius díj](#)) was established in 2013 for the social recognition of volunteering. The prize is awarded each year on International Volunteers' Day (5th of December) to organisations and individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the culture of volunteering.

'The Ministerial Prize can be awarded for volunteering; common good service; outstanding professional achievement and activities in the education of young generations for volunteering.' ([Pro Voluntarius díj](#))

## **Call of Children and Youth Basic Program in the year of 2019 - 'You Will Be More If You Act!' Youth for Volunteering**

It is also mentioned in Chapter 9 (sub-chapter [9.4 Raising awareness about global issues](#)) that in 2019, organisations that are committed to promoting volunteering, spreading the culture of volunteering and increasing the number of volunteers, and organising programmes that help young volunteers to contribute to these goals, may apply for support. This year the sum of the call was HUF 80 million (approx. 239 000 EUR)

and 117 organisations were supported. ['You Will Be More If You Act!' - Invitation to tender (['Több leszel, ha teszel!' - Pályázati felhívás](#))]

### **'You Will Be More If You Act!' call, slogan and logo**

As it is also mentioned in more detail in Chapter 9 (sub-chapter [9.4 Raising awareness about global issues](#)), promoting the culture of volunteering is a priority for the Government. That is why the slogan and the logo were born beside the call of 'You Will Be More If You Act!'. Also, using the slogan and logo of the call gives users a certain guarantee. Its meaning is that its user is a trustworthy volunteer organisation, event or person who are working for the same thing:

- social responsibility,
- solidarity,
- turning to each other.

['You Will Be More If You Act!' - Invitation to tender (['Több leszel, ha teszel!' - Pályázati felhívás](#))]

### **'Help to each other' website**

In 2020, the Government set up an Action Group for Coordinating Volunteering and Donation ([Önkéntességet és Adományozást Koordináló Akciócsoport](#)) mainly as part of the protection of coronavirus. They created a website called 'Help to each other' (['Segítsünk egymásnak'](#)) which aim is to help in the coordination of voluntary activities and donations and to collect and inform on the civil movements across the country.

Through the website everybody can choose among voluntary activities like teaching children online, helping to the elders with shopping, offering IT equipments or offering volunteering activity in general. The website also mediates volunteers through the Volunteer Portal ([Önkéntes Portál](#)).

The website also collects other initiatives ([egyéb kezdeményezések](#)) related to organisations or civil movements which offer volunteer activities. There are organisations which look for especially youngsters with the aim of for example

- teaching online,
- offering mental help for elders by phone,
- offering IT teaching help for parents.